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Storm brings county to standstill

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

If you want to know when Haliburton will get its worst snowstorm before Christmas, just ask Bill Gliddon the date of his Festival of Carols.

The organist and choir director at St. George's Anglican Church has the uncanny ability of choosing the worst day for driving for his annual Christmas presentation.

"Out of the nine years we've done it, six have been storms, one was an ice storm, and the next day was beautiful," he laughs.

On Sunday, Gliddon had to cancel the festival when everyone – from choir members to audience participants – got buried in more than a foot of snow.

St. George's wasn't the only organization to postpone its plans. Performances of The Nutcracker had to be cancelled, with new dates made for this Saturday.

Eighty-three-year old Phil Graham has been watching the weather from his home on the Gull River in Minden since 1949. He says, "If I hadn't heard the radio or television, I would have thought it was just a normal snowstorm. When I was a kid we would have loved playing in the snow but I didn't go outside yesterday.

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Bringing a classic to life

Haliburton's Heritage Ballet presented its annual performance of the holiday classic *The Nutcracker* this past weekend at the Northern Lights Pavilion, although Sunday's heavy snowfall caused organizers to reschedule one performance until this coming Saturday at 1 p.m.. Above, Raggedy Ann (Jessica Bishop) and Raggedy Andy (Kameron Anderson) are brought to life by Godfather Droselmeyer during the musical's party scene. For more photos see page 15.

Dysart envisions a better future

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A new library and museum complex tucked into Head Lake Park.

An attendant who tells you what goes where in the recycling bins at the landfill.

A walking path to link the downtown core with the Haliburton hospital and medical centre.

These are some of the projects that Dysart et al council will be working on over the next year. The projects were already in the discussion stage before Friday's municipal "visioning" exercise, but the strong public turnout helped give council the resolve to move ahead on things that will made a good place to live or cottage even better.

Of course, there are some projects that council either doesn't have the jurisdiction to work on, or doesn't have the money.

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Company invests $3M in uranium deposit

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

News about the ongoing uranium exploration in Highlands East has been fairly quiet over the past couple of months but things just got louder — Bancroft Uranium Inc. recently signed a $3 million agreement with an institutional investor that will help finance the development of the Monmouth Uranium Project near Tory Hill.

A press release from Bancroft Uranium Inc., dated November 30, 2007, says the "Monmouth Uranium Project is significant to the company due to the historical work that has been performed."

This historical reference dates back to the 1950s and 1960s when the area produced nearly 15 million pounds of uranium. Today, the company believes the land may still be filled with an economically viable source of uranium.

Murray Fleming, a representative of an investor relations firm that has been hired by the company to field all questions regarding the project, says "I can tell you that they're very excited about what they've got so far."

While the results are regarded only as "forward-looking state-

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Founder of Canoe FM loved radio

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

One of the former owners of the *Haliburton Echo* was the late Creighton Feir. Creighton, who would have turned 80 this year, grew up in Haliburton at a time when local children would go to what is now the Rails End Gallery every Saturday just to see who got off the train.

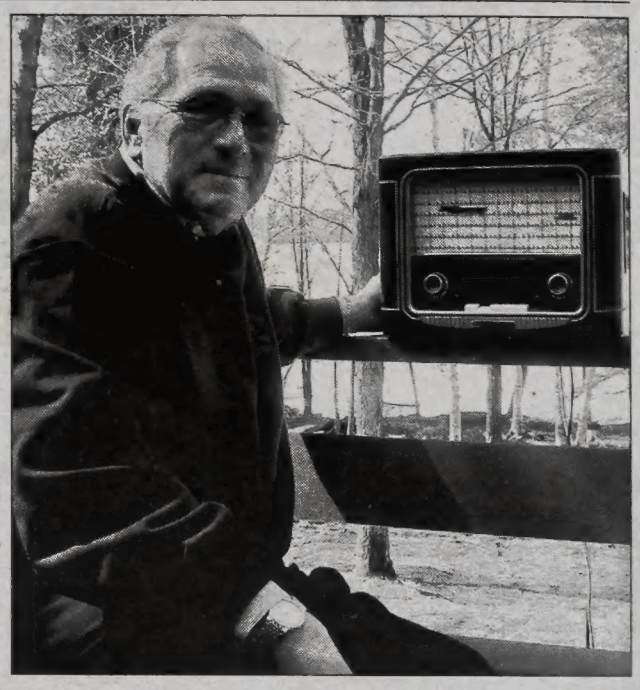
Creighton had a deep affinity for the people who were from Haliburton. He gave them a lot of credit for their hard work and perseverance. Yet he also said that this area would not be what it is today were it not for the newcomers. These new residents brought with them new skills, new interests, new talents. Working together was what would make this county a better home for everyone.

One of the newcomers who made Haliburton a better place was Dave Sovereign. Dave died on Saturday from complications following heart surgery.

Without Dave Sovereign we would not have a community radio station. Other people had the desire for a born-in-Haliburton radio station but it was Sovereign's expertise as a broadcaster and broadcast teacher that gave shape to those dreams. He worked the application through the lengthy CRTC process, helped get the proper tower signal and knew what equipment to get (either for cash or by cashing in on favours owed.) He knew that running a radio station was more than putting a microphone in front of someone's face.

For 25 years he worked for the Quinte Broadcasting Company, working his way up from announcer to news director to station manager. He brought his talents to Loyalist College in Belleville, where he taught in the School of Media Studies for 18 years.

Canoe FM wasn't the first station he helped get on the air. He was also instrumental in starting stations in Belleville and Bancroft. As much as he admired and appreciated all the volunteers who make community radio possible, he was always adamant that listeners deserved good radio. As a board member who tried, unsuccessfully, to quit several times to allow himself the time to fully enjoy the pleasures of retirement, he couldn't help but encourage everyone to constantly strive to improve. He didn't want Canoe FM to have the polished sound of professional radio but he wanted everyone to act professionally. Yet he never asked of others what he wasn't willing to ask of himself.


Dave Sovereign's passion for radio and the Highlands merged when he helped to create Canoe FM.

Dave Sovereign was old enough to have a lot of experience to share with others but young enough to be mourned for all he had still to share. His passing came much too soon. Deepest condolences go out to his wife Suzanne who, more than anyone, knew how much of Dave's time was given to others, especially the people who enjoy listening to Canoe FM today.

Turn up the volume and hear the music.

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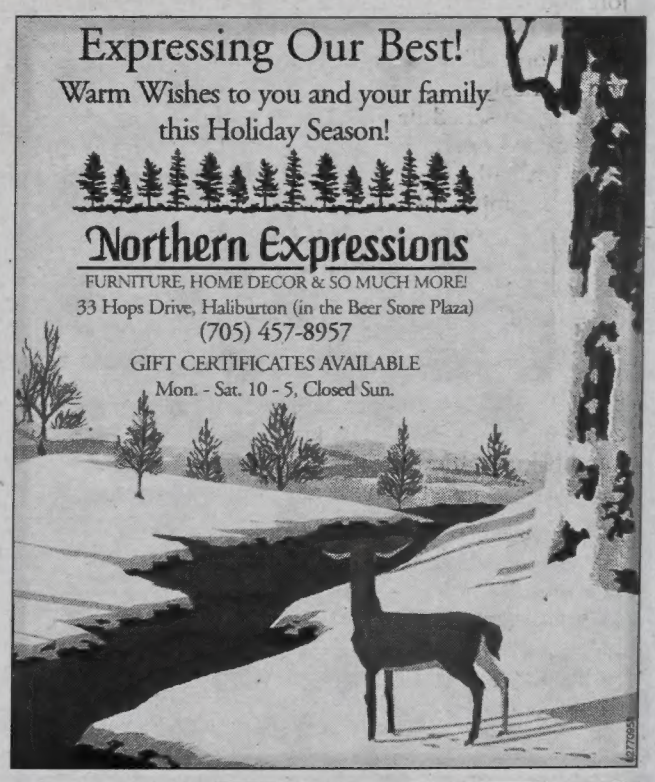

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Lack of electricity doesn't faze elementary school

Snow plow operator inadvertently cuts off power to Stuart Baker Elementary School before students arrive on Monday morning

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

While removing the fresh 27 cm of fallen snow on Monday morning from the parking lot of Stuart Baker Elementary School, the private snow removal company accidentally removed the school's power after plowing into a transponder.

After receiving a phone call at approximately 7:30 a.m. from her staff telling her the power was out, principal Micheline Johnson immediately called her superintendent to organize the day.

Johnson called the local radio stations and the hosts announced that buses were running on schedule and that the school was indeed open. Equipped with flashlights for bathroom breaks and plenty of water in supply, school went on as usual.

"In emergency situations it's important to make things as normal and stress-free as possible," says Johnson. "And we have drills on how to do certain things and we follow policies that are in place."

She said the event was a good test because it's hard to practise such emergency situations and it lets kids and their parents know they're safe at school.

"I have great staff here and we have great communication," says Johnson.

While things inside the school were going smoothly it took Hydro One a little longer to locate the problem. After fixing the transponder at the front of the school, line foreman Brian Gallagher said there was no action after flicking the switch.

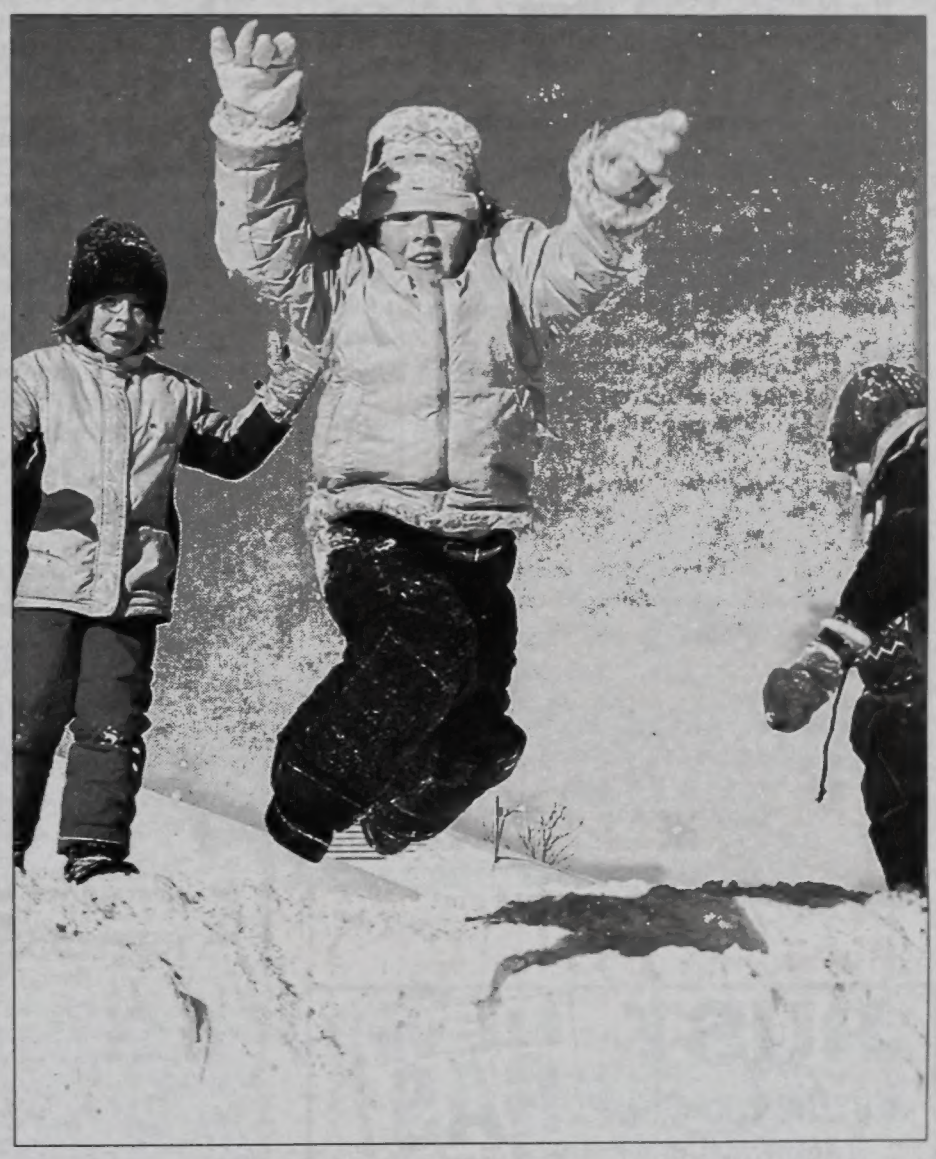
After further inspection of a nearby hydro pole and its wires, Gallagher realized "The transponder at the front of the school was actually pushed about 15 feet off its mat," said Gallagher. "So the wires were pulled from the pole but not enough for us to see it."

The power outage didn't seem to faze the kids and thankfully the sun was shining which may have helped give the kids' get recess. Another school policy regarding recess is that kids are only allowed to go outside if the temperature is above –15° with wind chill. The day's temperature with wind chill felt like –14° and there were certainly no complaints from the kids who were frolicking in the copious amounts of snow.

The highlight of the day for the teachers came when a thermos full of coffee arrived from the friendly folks at J.D. Hodgson.

Power was restored at the school around 11:30 a.m..

Hydro One discoverd that the transponder was pushed five metres off its mat.



MATT JAMES photos/Echo

Students at Stuart Baker Elementary School took it all in stride when they discovered that their school was without electricity on Monday morning. It helped that there was all that snow to play in. Above, seven-year-old Kayla Bird launches off one of the big piles of snow into a soft landing. Ethan Evans preferred to slide down the hill.

What's in a name?

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the December 11 Highlands East council meeting.

Councillor Gary Stoughton led the push to have the name Wilberforce Road changed to its original South Wilberforce Road. The name was changed when the 911 service was provided to the county, restricting the kinds of names streets could have.

"People wanted South Wilberforce Road, period. That's the name of the game. That's what it's going to be if we have to fight it through [county] council," Stoughton said.

It was mentioned that some people from out of town will drive on Wilberforce Road, expecting to find the town of Wilberforce but they will get lost.

Gooderham hunts for firefighters

Fire chief Bill Wingrove told council that Gooderham doesn't have enough firefighters to run its fire hall. He will be running an open house on Saturday, December 15 between 12 and 4 p.m. at Station 3 to generate interest in volunteering.

Wingrove said they will run a "vigorous campaign" for new volunteers.

"They've got to be there. If they're not there, the other solution is to merge Tory Hill and Gooderham," he told council.

He noted that response time from the Tory Hill station would still be fast enough to meet requirements for fire protection for Gooderham, but that it is not ideal.

Still high and dry

Some Wilberforce residents are without water more than a month since their wells went dry in late October. A hydrogeological study, paid for by Parks Canada, has been delivered to some members of council and will be discussed at a community forum at the Lloyd Watson Centre today at 4 p.m.

Jenn Watt

Highlands East cuts its pay hike

'It's making us look like fools,' says Councillor Gary Stoughton

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Highlands East council backtracked on its proposal to raise councillor salaries at its December 11 meeting.

Although councillors still plan to increase wages, the negative public response to last meeting's news caused them to reconsider just how much more to pay themselves.

"It's not the right time to be doing this. It's making us look like fools," said Councillor Gary Stoughton.

Originally, council proposed a raise of $1,000 a year for councillors, and a $6,000 raise for the reeve.

The plan now is to increase wages by the same percentage that staff at the municipality received in the last contract negotiations: 10 per cent.

"I don't want anybody to think that I'm against [Reeve Dave Burton] getting more money, but it's not in the best interest of us right now," Stoughton said.

Burton was unable to attend the meeting, so it was chaired by Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie (who was absent from the November 27 meeting).

Mackie said he was never keen on an increase and recalled being asked by voters before his election whether council would give itself a raise.

"I know that I was sitting in the community centre in Highland Grove before the election and [a voter] asked everybody, 'If you get in there are you going to vote yourselves a great big fat increase?' I think right across the board people said no. I didn't get in it for the money," Mackie said.

Councillors currently get $13,500 a year, the deputy-reeve makes $16,000 and the reeve receives $20,000. It was felt at the November council meeting that wages should be on par with other municipalities.

In Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills, the reeve makes $21,855, the deputy-reeve gets $17,484 and the councillors make just over $14,750.

Last week, Dysart et al councillors voted themselves a raise too, and now reeve makes $24,400, deputy-reeve gets $16,100 and councillors make $13,800.

The new motion, to be voted on at the January 15 meeting, will propose this lesser increase for Highlands East. If passed, councillors will make $14,850, the deputy-reeve will get $17,600 and reeve will make $22,000.

At its annual Community Christmas Dinner at Gooderham Community Centre on Saturday December 8, the Gooderham Community Action Group presented Elva Bates, chair of GCAG since 2001 and now retiring, with a corsage, a bouquet of beautiful baby carnations, a plaque recognizing her dedication to the community during this time and, in the spring, a Crimson King Tree will be planted in Gooderham Park in her honour. A Highlands East Volunteerism Recognition plaque was also presented to her by Reeve Burton. Pictured- Barbara Bader, Elva Bates, Reeve Dave Burton, Marilyn Wooder, Donna Mihell-Paul, and Jennifer Horner

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Let the snow fly

The Yake siblings Brandon, 14, and Alex, 10, bomb down the toboggan hill at Glebe Park in early December. With all of the newly fallen snow, white outs will be a common scene. The toboggan hill, which is free, is next to the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Bayshore Acres Road.

Share your feelings about library closures at January's public meetings

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Two public meetings on the future of libraries across the county will be held in January. Library board chair and Minden Hills deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch brought a motion to that effect to county council on Wednesday.

There will be an evening meeting for Highlands East at the Lloyd Watson Centre on January 29 and one for Algonquin Highlands on January 30 at the Frost Centre.

"We look forward to seeing a lot of people out on those two nights," Murdoch said.

Residents of both municipalities were upset that library closures had been announced without any public consultation.

County council passed a motion in August stating that each municipality would have only one library branch each. Algonquin Highlands currently has two and Highlands East has four.

"I think in hindsight, and I'll take some responsibility for this, we haven't had any public meetings since 2002. So, as council, I think it is our intention to go out and explain the rationale for these changes," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said.

Dysart and Minden Hills only have one branch each and are both planning to expand the size of their branches.

Jan McDonald, of the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corporation, attended the county council meeting along with Rob Walisser. They are both from Dorset and actively campaigning to keep all library branches open.

McDonald had planned a public forum on the closures for Algonquin Highlands out of frustration that the county hadn't planned any.

She said that despite the county meetings, the previously planned meeting will be held anyway.

"I can't say I wasn't disappointed," McDonald said of the council decision to hold a public meeting two weeks after her group. They had asked council to combine the two meetings since considerable effort had already gone into the planning of the Cooperative's meeting.

"We're not going to disinvite people [from our meeting]. We're supportive of the public process," McDonald said.

Her group is going to compile the findings from the previously planned forum that will take place on January 14 at 7 p.m. at the Frost Centre and present it two weeks later at the county forum.

Murdoch said at the meeting that the library board could not be ready for McDonald's meeting, since they are planning a thorough presentation with all the facts and figures from the county's eight libraries.

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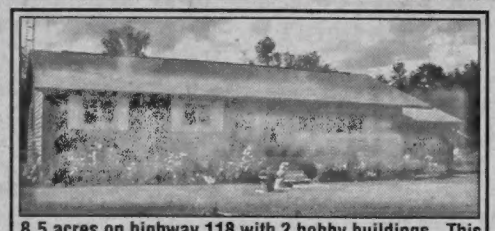

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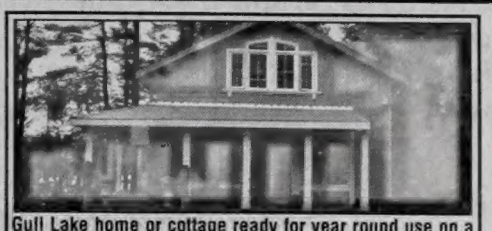

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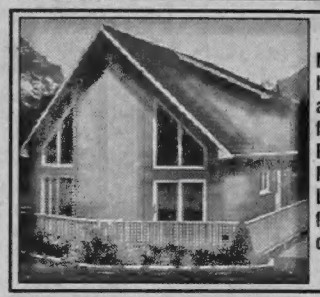

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Cyber vision

TECHNOLOGY SAVED DYSART'S VISIONING exercise from becoming just another session of wishful thinking. A handy computer program, and a person who was adept at using it, made it possible for the 75 people gathered at the Haliburton Legion to make the leap from expressing their complaints and their dreams to drafting a list of what steps could be taken to make things better.

For instance, how many times over the past two decades have you heard people say "We need light industry so we can keep our young people in the county" and "We need to protect our environment to make sure we don't become another Muskoka"? Everyone who utters these statements is, of course, right, but expressing them out loud doesn't make them happen. In fact, there are probably people in every community across Ontario saying the same things. So what will make the captains of light industry sail their ship towards Haliburton County and what can we do, collectively, to make sure that development and growth don't come at an environmental cost?

echo **editorial** *martha perkins*

The facilitator of Friday's all-day exercise, Nick, got people to sit in groups of about eight people. Each group had its own laptop computer so it could send the group's responses to Nick. He started with the big questions first – what are Dysart's strengths, what are its challenges, He compiled the results on a large screen. Then he asked people to vote on the priorities. Suddenly a list of 20 things became a more manageable five. Then he asked for ideas on how to achieve the top five things on the wish list. These ideas were voted on and the results were given to Dysart councillors to ponder that afternoon.

Friday's forum was a good way to get everyone who has an opinion about the future of Haliburton together. Thankfully, it also recognized that all of us – not just council – have to do more than just talk.

P.S. In this week's Echo you will find our annual Season's Greetings supplement. Please know that neither the Echo, nor our advertisers, have any problem with saying "Merry Christmas." The supplement was called Season's Greetings long before anyone had heard of political correctness. Yes, Christmas is a celebration of Christ's birth but Christ's birth is what gives meaning to the season. In the darkest days of winter we are given reasons for talking about hope, joy and goodwill towards all people. We reflect on the passing of one year and think of our aspirations for the next. Optimism about the future is given new life, and not just for Christians.

So when we say "Season's Greetings" we are including Merry Christmas but we are not excluding all the other things that the message of Christ's birth brings to the world. The season had its start on Christmas morn-

Snow anyone? *Photo by* MATT JAMES/ECHO

The greatest gift of all

DESPITE WHAT YOU'VE probably heard, I'm no hero. Argue all you like, but I just did what any father would do when faced with an insurmountable crisis. I had no choice.

My family, after all, could not live with a broken toilet, especially over the Christmas holidays. The handle lever giving out was one thing, but when the float and water flow switch went less than a day later – well, someone had to step up. And since my wife was busy, that left me.

steve galea **outside chance**

I'm not going to lie to you. Yes, I was afraid. Heck, any man who says he isn't afraid of plumbing is a liar. What's important is that I faced my fears – I looked deep into that soulless ivory bowl and I acted decisively.

Instead of being paralyzed with dread and doubt, which would have been easy, I drove to the hardware store and purchased a new handle. Then, after a highly technical talk with Doug in plumbing, I procured an extremely complex piece of machinery known as the Leakmaster 1500 – a combination float, flow valve, and … ah heck, I might as well try to describe the inner workings of the space shuttle. By the way, Doug doesn't just sell these to anyone. In the wrong hands, they are capable of inflicting horrible mayhem.

I won't kid you; it was touch and go for much of the 15-minute operation.

But I kept thinking of my kids. I kept thinking of how disappointed they'd be on Christmas morning if I didn't do this.

Okay, so now I've touched upon the obligatory Christmas references, but what about the outdoors? This is, after all, an outdoors column.

Well, have you ever tried to go potty in an outhouse in this weather? I think you can now see that fixing that humble seat of ivory was the greatest gift of all – give or take a few.

Without it, all the eggnog, fruitcake, nuts, pudding, Christmas cookies, squash, and turkey would just seem like really good things to avoid.

For just as in that humble manger in Bethlehem a great king was born, upon humble thrones such as these have sat princes and paupers. There, another Christmas reference, okay?

Perched upon a seat such as this, for a few moments each day – if he's regular – every man can be king. But only if the toilet is functioning as it should. Otherwise, he's just a janitor having a really bad day.

I know it's easy to forget during this joyous time of year. We're all guilty of taking these things for granted. But let's never forget that the humble toilet is there to remind us that it's better to give than to receive.

I'm not no hero – despite the fact that the preceding statement was a double negative. Why, you ask incredulously? Why, despite all evidence to the contrary, are you not a hero?

Well, because my family deserves all this and so much more. And I'm happy to do it for them. Heck, I can hardly wait to see the look on their faces on Christmas morning – when I finally remove the out of order sign.

Merry Christmas.

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down our **road**

sharon lynch

AS IF IN A GUERILLA WAR, George felt trapped and frustrated as the enemy crouched and waited, hidden in vegetation until the opportunity presented itself. Then Ruby made her stealthy move. Sometimes it was a quick dash; other times a slow and carefully planned campaign. George was powerless to stop these attacks. They could happen at any time. The worst was at night when he slept. Once he could no longer stand guard, she pretty well did as she wished.

George's six-year-old son Max thought it was a game and sometimes George wondered if the enemy saw it that way as well. It was no game to George. He had put much thought and energy into the way things were and did not want to see it all come crashing down. So far there had been small skirmishes and some casualties.

Seeing George's obvious distress, Max suggested weaponry might be the solution. George remembered a watergun tucked away in a box in the farthest reaches of his basement. A holdover from his wild pre-parenthood days, George wasn't even sure the oversized toy still worked. But he was willing to try anything. He was a desperate man.

The water weapon was large and evil-looking with a pump action and huge capacity. As he loaded it from the tap, George wondered if it would do the job even as he pushed aside feelings of guilt. He reminded himself he was involved in a war. The stakes were high. So he continued.

Before he had even finished loading his weapon, he heard the familiar sounds of his foe going after her target. There was a dull crash, a scramble, then sounds of a struggle. George wasted no time. He ran into the other room afraid of what he might find.

Broken glass and a tangle of wires greeted him. Ruby the cat had become ensnarled in some Christmas tree lights and was struggling to be free. George reached down, mindful of the kitten's teeth and nails as he extricated her. In a flash she was back at the tree, whacking at ornaments before trying yet again to climb the spruce's trunk.

Taking careful aim, George pulled the trigger. A stream of water shot straight at the kitten's head, dousing her. She ran for cover behind a footstool where she rested, licking her wounds.

Quickly shaking off her injury she was back at it. When she saw George preparing to shoot, she took evasive action behind a thicket of branches, hoping to wait him out. As soon as she poked her head out to do a reconnaissance George got her again, full on the face. Stunned by the impact, she immediately retreated, this time behind the potted fern. She needed time to plan her next move.

George dashed into the kitchen for rations, making a quick sandwich and hot chocolate for energy all the while listening for sounds from the living room. Fortunately Max was asleep in bed and not having to witness this battle. His squeals of excitement would be too distracting. As George rounded the corner on his way to guard duty on the couch, he spied Ruby preparing to pounce. Putting down his food, he grabbed the gun and shot from the hip. He missed, the blow landing harmlessly on the rug. But Ruby appeared to be getting the message because she froze in her tracks, then retreated back to the potted fern.

Feeling as though the tide may have turned, George settled in on the couch. He was prepared for a long siege. For fifteen minutes calm reigned. George ate his evening snack and Ruby stayed hidden.

Then when he got up to put another log on the fire, he caught sight of Ruby as she moved out from safety. But instead of heading for her quarry, she leapt up onto the couch and looked at George. Perhaps it was time for a truce, George thought returning to where he had sat. He waited. Ruby moved over and in a minute was snuggled beside him. He gave her head a rub between the ears, rewarding her for staying away from the decorated tree. George knew the war might not yet be over but this particular battle was. As the lights glowed and the decorations shimmered in the soft warmth of his living room, there was peace on earth and goodwill to all.

pic *of the* past

Bette Byers was a popular teacher in Wilberforce in 1930s, when the annual Christmas Concert was the highlight of the year. Students worked for weeks on their costumes and skits. She left the school when she married Bob Herlihey of Tory Hill. She died last week at the age of 97.

letters to the editor

Address poverty

To the Editor:

Re: Dysart council members' wage increase

It's has been one year that the new Dysart et al council has been in power. What has been accomplished? Debate over such issues as raising the parking meter fines, outlawing sandwich board advertising signs, proposed raising of business taxes, and, of course, voting themselves a wage increase. Not a heck of a lot.

Haliburton County, which includes Dysart et al, is the second poorest region in Ontario only behind the Manitoulin area. Our area is dependant on tourism. A great amount of the work is seasonal. A lot of the full-time work is in the retail sector and most of these jobs pays minimal wages ($8/hour). They also have to pay to get to and from work, be it by car (if they are lucky enough to own one) or taxi.

These people work long hours for little reward.

A lot people and families are dependant on government subsidizes just to survive.

Many of these workers have not seen wage increases in several years. As a matter of fact, many are working for less than what they were earning 5 or 10 years ago.

Why shouldn't they be able to vote themselves a wage increase plus mileage plus Consumer Price Index?

Not a lot has been done to address this dilemma!

Al Luke
Haliburton

Slithered away?

To the Editor:

Where are all the snakes?

I believe the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has their work cut out for them. The December 11 *Echo* says an investigation of the fate of the hog-nosed snake is underway by this organization. They may want to add the garter snake to their 'to do' list. For that matter, every species of snake that was once so common in Haliburton.

In the early '90s we would frequently meet up with many species of snake either on our property or walking on the road. In the past six years, each year has showed a steady decline.

In 2007, we didn't see any snakes.

Keeping an eye on nature's vital signs,

Arlene Johnston,
Haliburton

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur

They just want to sing

ANDREW SACHS

Special to the Echo

He and his buddies just want to sing, Ron Clark says, but if in the process they can raise some money for charity it's a win-win situation.

"We'll do all the singing and let them take the money," Clark, a member of the Highlands Men's Chorus, says of the Haliburton United Church's Christmas fundraiser. The event will once again be raising money for food banks across Haliburton County.

Now in its second year, Haliburton will be joining nearly a hundred other towns across Canada participating in CBC's reading of *A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.*

"It started at just one church in Toronto and now it's at over a hundred communities," says Melissa Stephens who is helping to organize this year's event in Haliburton

It all began back in 1990 when the CBC's Judy Maddren, host of World Report, threw together an impromptu reading for her church. She was wondering if adults would like to hear Dickens just as much as her husband, who'd sneak out and listen whenever she started reading the tale to her four children.

The United Church is calling its version "Like the Dickens" and will feature readings of the famous story by CBC Newsworld host Christopher Thomas, Christmas carols, and the rousing voices of the Highlands Men's Chorus.

The chorus will be trading in some of their favourite songs from the past such as 'What do you do with a drunken sailor' or 'Bring-em-home" in favour of some holiday classics.

The Highlands Men's Chorus will be joining nearly a hundred other towns across Canada to participate in CBC's reading of *A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens* on December 18 at the Haliburton United Church.

Last year in its inception, the men were able to raise $3,000 as part of a national event that brought in nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

The food banks are hoping the Highlands Men's Chorus's collective voices can help bring a little holiday cheer – in the form of non-perishable goods of course.

"January is a very, very hard month for them," Stephens says of the food banks. Through her volunteer efforts she's familiar with the number of families accessing their services during the winter months. She says it's quite a number.

For the Highlands Men's Chorus, "it's our way of putting something back into the community," says Clark.

'Like the Dickens' is December 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Haliburton United Church. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at Kitchen's Etc. in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden.

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Even snow plow operators can't see through snow

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Between 3 a.m. and 10 p.m. on December 16 he recorded 27 cm of snow. The high was only –11°, giving people another reason to stay indoors. The temperature on Monday morning dropped to –17.5°.

Ironically, it was the volume of snow that made it too risky for Dysart's road crews to begin their shift until early afternoon.

Roads superintendent Brian Nicholson had toured the roads that morning in his 4X4. There were times that visibility was so poor that it was difficult to see where the roadway began and ended. Snowplow operators would have had an even harder time seeing the road because of the way the plow churns up the snow, especially since the snow was so light and fluffy.

"If I'm struggling to get around I know that the plow operator is struggling," he said Sunday night.

Nicholson didn't want to risk the drivers' safety, or the $200,000 trucks, by sending them out until the snow abated. "If we have a mishap with the truck it puts us further behind the eight-ball.

He was also monitoring other areas to know how they were coping with the snow.

At 1:30 the plows started on the main roads, with some of them not getting back in until 7. The plan was to get an early start on Monday morning.

Although there were many unplowed roads, there were relatively few accidents. Const. Mark McMaster of the Haliburton Highlands OPP says there were only three minor property damage collisions. Most people simply stayed at home and wisely avoided venturing farther than their driveway.

Road conditions made it difficult for the detachment's rear wheel drive vehicles, McMaster says, so the two four-wheel drive vehicles came in very handy.

Pat Kennedy, the county's director of emergency services, echoed McMaster, saying most people stayed at home and off the roads. "It was a pretty quiet day and quiet evening for us," he says.

The county's ambulances had prepared for the worst by putting all non-life-threatening transfers on hold and contacting the county roads department in the event they needed a snowplow to reach somebody in need.

Local grocery stores should have been filled with people stocking up on their Christmas baking and cooking supplies but Haliburton IGA manager Bob Park says it was a very quiet day. All of the staff made it in to work but most shoppers stayed at home.

"Yesterday was very slow, slow, slow," Park says. "Our business was cut in half compared to a regular Sunday. But I was actually surprised by the number of people who did make it in."

He closed the store at three.

At both Home Hardware and Timber-Mart in Haliburton, snow shovels and salt were moving quickly off the racks.

Editor's note: Bill Gliddon says that time constraints do not allow the choir to reschedule the Festival of Readings and Carols for this year. "Those who purchased $5 advance tickets may either receive a refund by bringing your ticket to St. George's church office or consider your ticket as an appreciated donation to our Christian education program."

MATT JAMES/Echo

Business owners and employees were hard at work in the morning shovelling snow from sidewalks for their customers. Melinda O'Mara of Highlands Images adds to the pile on Haliburton's main street.

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Elena Bjelis and Jamie McMahon help a group of high school students outline their aspirations and complaints about life in Dysart. Only one of the tables in the room identified giving youth a voice as a priority. Guess which one it was?

Some things, like lack of affordable housing, are difficult to deal with

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The need for affordable housing was one of the top three priorities identified by the 75 people who gathered at work tables to share their complaints and their ideas. (The other two were protecting the environment and coming up with a strategic plan.)

Dysart, however, doesn't have the ability to build housing units.

It also doesn't have the resources to expand broadband infrastructure to entice businesses and people to the municipality.

And providing more good-paying jobs to help staunch the flow of young people who have to look elsewhere for a start to their careers? That, too, would cost more money than the tax base could afford.

"We have to balance our values and where we're putting our money," Reeve Murray Fearrey said after the meeting, which included a council session in the afternoon.

While he was gladdened by how many positive things were identified by the group, he also agrees that more needs to be done to improve people's lifestyles and the local economy. But, he says, there are many people in the municipality who are earning less than $29,000 a year, and the municipality can't simply turn to property taxes – a municipality's main source of revenue – to fund everything.

"There are certain things that are doable," he says, "but they also need to be costed."

Provincial rules must also be adhered to. A municipality, for instance, is not allowed to give away land or offer financial incentives to businesses to locate here. And where, in a place of rock and water, is that land available?

The municipality can only encourage others to see that Dysart offers an attractive lifestyle and a welcoming environment.

Andrea Roberts, a newcomer to council, says it was a good session. The facilitator did a good job getting everyone to share their hopes and visions but he also made both the public participants and council members focus on the nitty gritty of what it will take to focus those visions on actual projects.

"It's definitely a first step," she says, referring to many people's desire to have a strategic plan to set the direction the municipality should be taking.

She's very interested in the idea of building a new municipal complex at the edge of Head Lake Park off York Street. The building, which would not have much of a footprint in the actively used portion of the park, would provide a new home for the Haliburton library, which is in cramped quarters. There's also the possibility that the museum could be moved to this location as a way of giving it more of a presence. (Right now it's at the end of Bayshore Acres Road; people must make a conscious effort to go there.)

An architect has been hired to come up with a draft plan and the municipality is conducting the tests required to see if the land is suitable. The next big challenge is coming up with funding sources.

Roberts says it's important for the council to think not just of what it needs the building for today, but what it will need 10 years from now.

Council, she noted, has already decided to have two full-time staff members for its landfills. One half-time person has been made full-time in order to help the municipality enforce its mandatory recycling bylaw in the new year.

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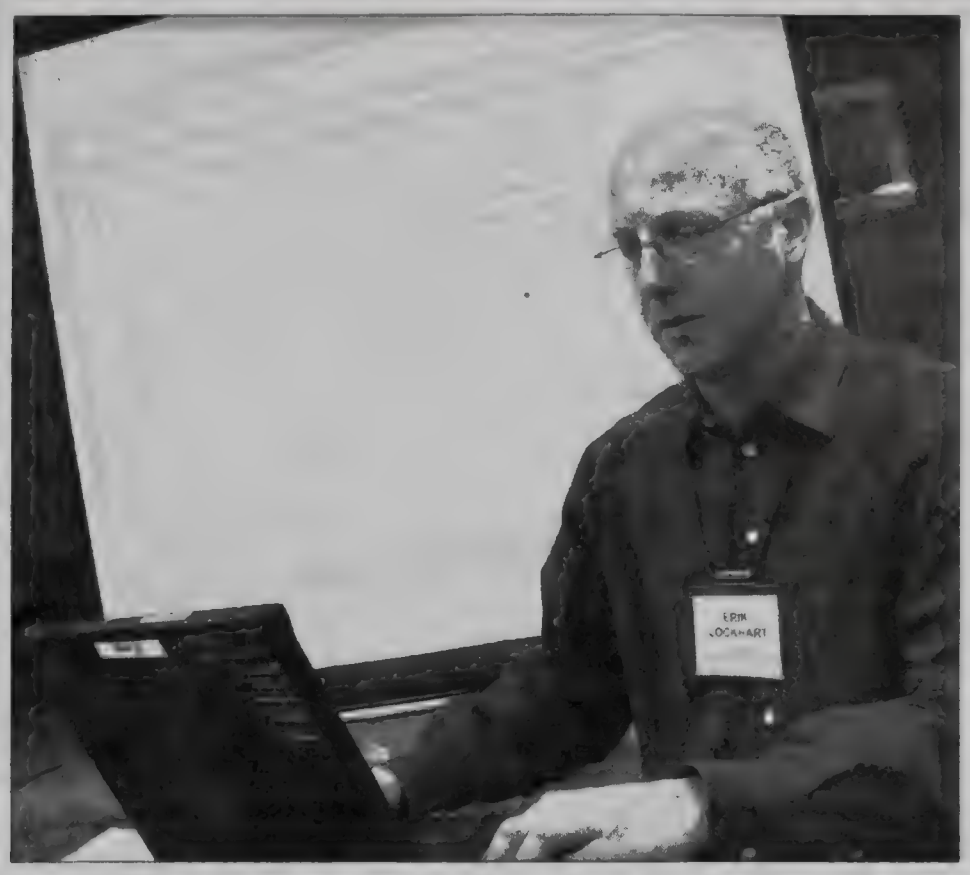

Facilitator Erik Lockhart used technology to allow the 75 people at the Haliburton Legion focus their attention, and their advice. Various groups inputted their responses into laptop computers and he tabulated them into priority lists.

Council must balance needs of community while not raising property taxes

from page 11

The applications for expanding existing landfills have already begun as a way of coping with the lack of an alternative landfill site.

Roberts knows that downtown businesses wish council would do more to enhance the retail economy but there's not much council can do on its own. "You wish and hope [main street] is thriving but you can't actually do it," she says.

With the municipality's lack of transportation links, and its winding scenic roads, she says it would be difficult to get any type of industry to base itself in the municipality.

Councillor Derek Knowles says that when council started to discuss the possible expansion of the industrial park to lands the municipality owns north of the Haliburton landfill, the spectre of a bypass was also raised. He doesn't think a bypass will be built. "All we were doing was discussing how to create serviced land."

Council would like to attract more industry but it's a matter of finding flat land in a village with a lake in the middle and a hill at its southern border.

He agrees that it would be difficult to attract industry to the area and says that "We need to make this a destination town 12 months a year because there's something here that people want to do and see."

He says we need "real entrepreneurship" on the main street and praised the redevelopment of Heritage Café as an example of what can be done to bring new spirit to the village.

"If you took away insurance companies, real estate offices and banks on the main street, what's left? Why do we sell knicky-knackies made in China on the main street? People on the main street, in the main, don't seem to realize that why business is slow might be because of what's on the shelves."

He also likes the idea of a walking path along County Road 1 but says that when he was out shovelling snow on Sunday, he realized how difficult it will be. There's a swampy area along the road and the alternative is to go through a wooded area. "If you send elderly people through the woods, it leaves them very vulnerable."

He says council is making good progress on many initiatives and, while things could be better, it's important not to jeopardize the economy by increasing taxes by too big an amount to pay for new ventures.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis was bothered by the fact that not all sectors of the economy were represented at the "visioning" exercise. Although the meeting was advertised, and anyone was welcome to participate, there was no one there from the logging or trucking industries.

He says he doesn't see a valid reason to create a bypass around the main street core as a way of relieving traffic pressures in the summer months only. A new library is a high priority and he likes the idea of it being in Head Lake Park, although he's not sure if it will be viable to move the museum there as well.

All councillors say that Friday's session was only a start to the process of putting people's ideas to work.

The facilitator will be creating a report of the discussion, including specific suggestions about things such as forming a recreation committee.

This report will be discussed further at council's January meeting.

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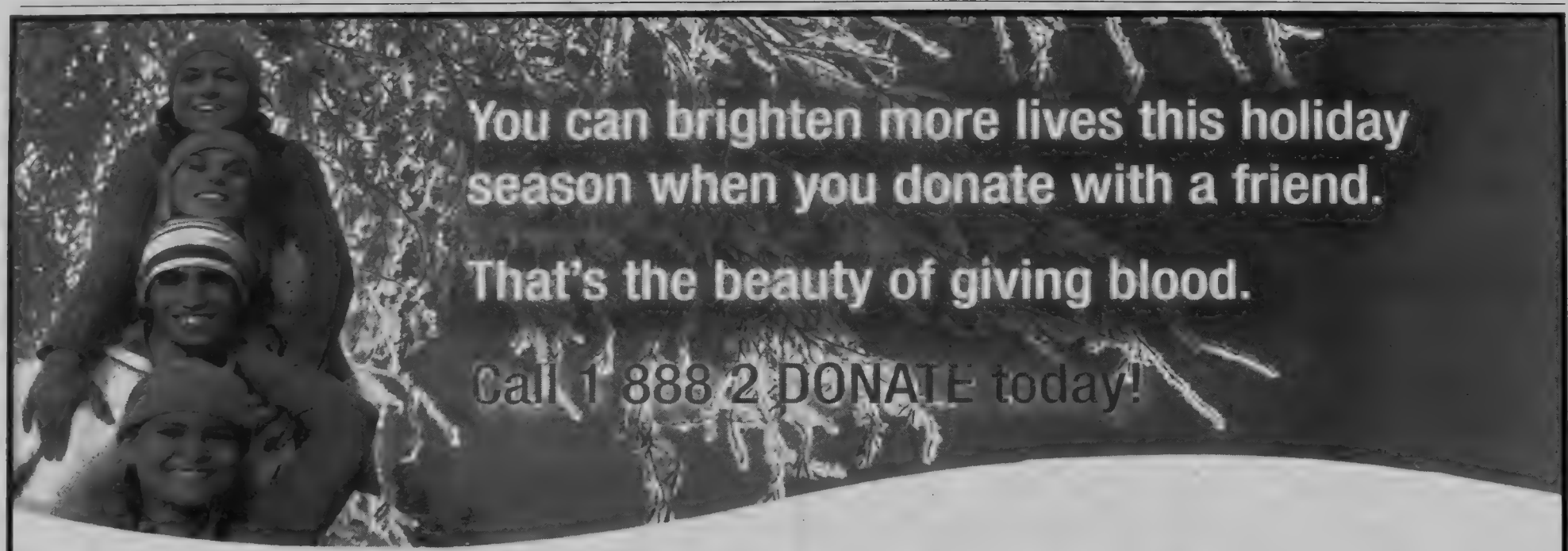

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Grenville Griffin, who sold 30 fundraising tickets, pulled the winning ticket from the drum and the winner of the $3,000 travel voucher was Glenda Wakely. Thanks to Linda Coneybeare of Travel Plus for this prize. Second prize, pulled by Bob MacNaull, went to Heather Sterrino of Brampton. It was a stainless steel barbecue. Third prize, drawn by the birthday girl, Shirley Howse, went to Yvonne Snider of Richmond Hill. The prize was a five-day golf membership to Lakeside Golf Course. This is a huge fundraiser for the club which realized over $14,000.

Raffle tickets sold that evening realized over $720 and the prizes were donated by Lolitta Mitchell, Fern Timbers, Cheryl Smillie, Chester Howse, Kaye Williams, and Don Curry. Winners were Gerald Bain, Brigitte Bassie, Sandra Anderson, Lorraine Virgin, Ila Griffin, Sam Sneath and Pat Wright. The two door prizes were large poinsettias and were won by Don Curry and June Partridge. Congratulations to all the winners.

President Chester Howse announced the passing of our club member Dave Sovereign, who was a loyal and supportive member for many years. He was a good friend and will be missed by all.

Also, Chester thanked John Watson, our club's ice maker, for all his hard work during the curling season. The evening concluded with dancing and socializing.

A Merry Christmas to all the curlers.

Just before the Haliburton Santa Claus parade, Haliburton Curling Club president Chester Howse presented Bill Medland of the Silver Flutes Band a cheque to assist in replacing the band equipment that had been stolen in Toronto last year.

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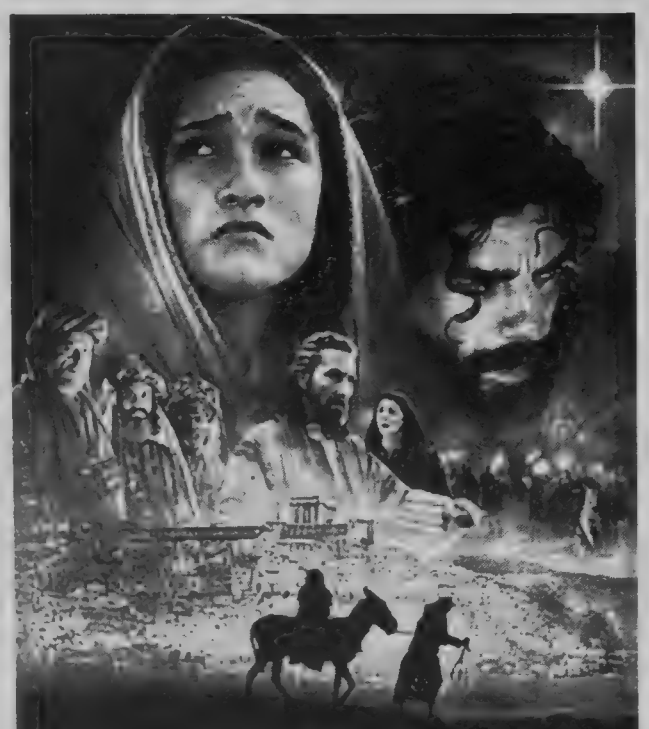

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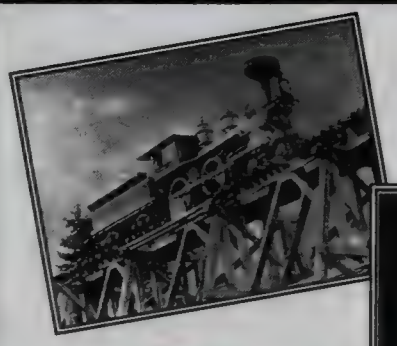

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Also thanks to Jo-Dann from Timbr-Mart, Bonnie from County Commercial Printers, and Kevin from Sharpley's Source for Sports for their excellent workmanship. Many thanks go out to the arena staff in Haliburton and Minden, the time keepers Eric Nicholls and Ashley Schollig, the lunch providers Kathy in Haliburton and Gramma Smith in Minden, the referees and last but not least my Silver Stick co-director Jimmy "Punch" Winn! Thanks again and have a safe and happy holiday.

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New regulations to come into effect

Several changes to Ontario's fishing regulations come into effect on January 1, 2008. The changes are part of the ministry's new ecological framework for recreational fisheries management in Ontario. Under this approach, the ministry is managing fisheries on a landscape basis rather than on a lake-by-lake basis.

The total number of Fisheries Management Zones (formerly Fishing Divisions) has been reduced to 20 across Ontario. Bancroft District includes Fisheries Management Zone (FMZ) 15.

FMZ 15 – Stretches across central Ontario from the Ottawa River to Georgian Bay:

IMPORTANT NOTE: The following are only general references. Please refer to Pages 68 to 77 of the 2008-2009 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary for specific regulations for FMZ 15.

The regulation changes within FMZ 15 include the following:

- The inclusion of Algonquin Provincial Park as an exception in FMZ 15
- The northern and southern boundaries of FMZ 15 are not the same as the boundaries for the old Division 15
- New season, size and catch limits for walleye
- In selected areas, lake trout and brook trout regulations have changed. (check the fishing regulations for lake specific season and size restrictions)
- To provide additional fishing opportunities, some stocked brook trout lakes are now open all year (see additional fishing opportunities on page 69-70 in 2008 regulations)
- Change in bass season opening
- New catch limits on perch, crappie, sunfish, whitefish and catfish

For complete details of regulation changes, refer to the 2008-2009 Ontario Recreational Fishery Regulations Summary. Before going fishing, anglers should carefully review the information outlined in the summary.

The 2008-2009 Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary is now available from licence issuers, Service Ontario and Government Information Centres and on the ministry's website at http://www.ontario.ca/fishing.

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OPP officers Kevin Barnum (left) and Mike Dolderman (right) were at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to talk to Grade 11 students about the Provincial Emergency Response Team that they are a part of. Below right, canine officer Denis Harkness and his dog give a demonstration to the class and search for a gun intentionally planted in a student's locker.

BUSTED!

OPP Emergency Response Team sniffs out drugs, explosives, guns and cadavers at Hal High

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Police found a highly explosive substance taped beneath a car in the high school parking lot last week, less than an hour after they discovered a handgun and ammunition in a student's locker and conducted a cadaver search with police dogs at the west end of the school's property.

Of course, for parents' peace of mind, we should probably also mention that the searches were entirely for fun, and never were any of the students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in any danger.

Last Tuesday three members of the OPP's Provincial Emergency Response Team (PERT) visited Hal High to discuss and demonstrate their unit's mandate to two Grade 11 law classes.

Students were told that PERT is a unit of highly trained specialists created by the OPP to deal with the potential of new and emerging threats of terrorism in the post-9/11 world. They were also told that one officer – Provincial Constable Kevin Barnum – once walked the same hallways as a student.

"It's kind of strange for me to be standing up here today, since that guy in the back used to be my gym teacher," said Barnum, pointing to Principal Gary Brohman.

Joined by fellow constables Denis Harkness and Mike Dolderman, Barnum went on to explain that the role of PERT encompasses everything from rope rescue, swift and ice water rescue, and heavy urban search and rescue, to explosive disposal and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) training.

Members are responsible for maintaining a very high level of physical fitness to meet the demands of their specialized functions. They must be prepared to use their training at any point to assist the OPP in containment, public order, search and rescue, evidence searches, VIP security, prisoner escorts, or back-up for the canine unit.

"We never know from day to day what

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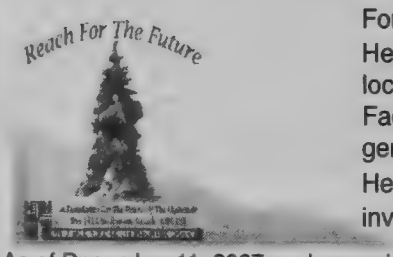

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation sincerely thank our Honourary Chairman for our **2007** "Reach for The Future" campaign, Dr. Bob Heyes and Dr. Dave Fiddler.

If you would like to help us **"Reach for The Future"** this Holiday Season, your gift can be sent to **Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Box 1413, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 or Box 30, Minden, ON K0M 2K0**, you can deposit your gift in the donation boxes at the Minden and Haliburton Facilities, or you can donate online at www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation.htm.

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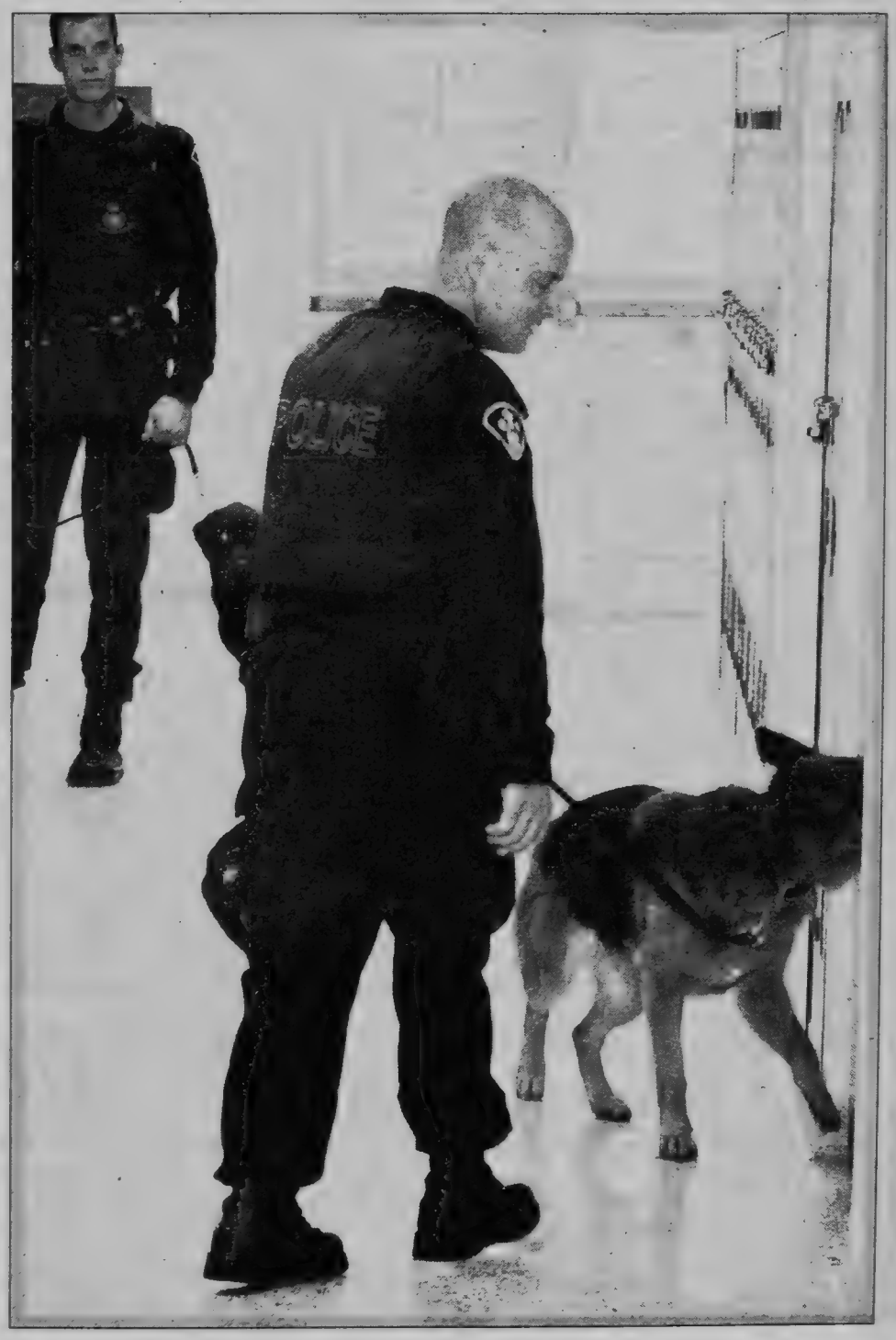

PERT member and bomb technician Mike Dolderman shows a group of Grade 11 students a small chunk of a highly explosive substance that could potentially be exploited by terrorists The explosives were planted beneath a car in the HHSS parking lot as part of a demonstration.

'When you think you're done and your body's telling you you're tired, that's when we jump all over you'

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we're going to be doing. We could be standing here in this class and our pagers might go off and we'd have to leave right away," Dolderman told the class.

"I guess that's what makes this job so much fun. Every day is different," added Barnum. "We've had some really fun calls with the bomb dogs."

Those calls include security at the Superbowl when it was held in Detroit, clearing rooms for the Prime Minister during the federal election, and escorting celebrities such as California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and rock band INXS.

Of course, there is also a much more serious – and dangerous – side to the job. Since its formation, members of PERT have assisted in countless cadaver searches across the province, and they were instrumental in the highly publicized arrests of 17 terrorism suspects in Toronto in June 2006.

While Barnum said the job is full of challenges and personal rewards, he told the students – several of whom are considering a career in law enforcement – that a supportive and understanding family is a must in his line of work.

"It can be really tough on families, but the wives and kids [of those] in the canine unit are very supportive, which helps," he said. "It's something the whole family goes through together."

As the in-class portion of the visit came to a close, students grew eager to watch the team's bomb-sniffing and search dogs go to work. But first, for those considering a job in the field, Dolderman also described the rigorous five-day recruitment process, which is designed to test an applicant's physical and mental perseverance.

"When you think you're done and your body's telling you you're tired, that's when we jump all over you," he said. "We want to push you past your limits...and if you snap, or you get angry, then you're asked to leave.

"Oh, and if you're claustrophobic, this job's not for you. If you're afraid of heights, it's not for you. If you're mind's not stronger than your body, it's not for you. We want to see that your body can take more than your mind tells you it can take."

Police aim to fill a cruiser this week

You can help local OPP officers "Fill a Cruiser with Food " this week.

On Wednesday, December 19, officers will be at the Wilberforce Foodland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. trying to fill a cruiser with food. All donated food will be given to the Wilberforce Outreach Centre.

On Thursday, December 20, officers will be at the Minden Valu-mart from 10 a.m. until noon. The officers will then move down to the Minden IGA where they will accept donations until 2 p.m. All the donations will then be turned over to the Minden Food Bank.

On Friday, December 21, officers will be at Todd's Independent in Haliburton from 10 a.m. until noon. The officers will then proceed over to the Haliburton IGA where they will accept donations until 2 p.m.. All the donations will then be turned over to the 4Cs.

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Uranium exploration has local group FUMEing

MATT JAMES
Staff Reporter

After discovering his land had been staked for a uranium exploration claim in May, Monmouth resident Robin Simpson began his fight against uranium—and it didn't take him long to realize how serious the issue really is.

"Nothing about this stuff is good news," says Simpson about uranium mining.

Now, after months of researching the effects of uranium mining, he and Christine Atrill are organized and are trying to make headway on fighting the uranium mining in Highlands East.

The battle just became more difficult as Bancroft Uranium Inc. signed a $3 million deal with an institutional investor that could see some more serious drilling in January 2008.

It was mid-October when Atrill started a blog about the uranium exploration possibilities and a website soon followed.

Today Simpson and Atrill are part of the anti-uranium mining group called FUME, an acronym for Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration. As activists they are dedicated to the defence of the environment and the preservation of the beauty of the Haliburton Highlands.

On the website, www.fighturanium.com, visitors will find numerous links providing information on various aspects of uranium, from claim maps in Highlands East to the companies involved, to Greenpeace, and to health effect studies of uranium from Health Canada. There's also a link to a 1990 film by Magnus Isacsson presented by the National Film Board hat outlines historical occurrences of uranium mining and the detrimental effects it can have on humans and the environment in Ontario.

Robin Simpson has brought the anti-uranium mining group FUME to the Highlands.

The latest news from the FUME camp comes in the form of water testing. Simpson and FUME are encouraging residents in the three affected areas: the Halo Uranium Project in the township of Cardiff, the Amalgamated Rare Earth Project in Monmouth, and the Bancroft Uranium Inc. site near High Falls Road, also in Monmouth.

"Anybody in the three affected areas, where they're either drilling or planning to drill, should have their water tested for uranium. We've negotiated [with the lab] a really reasonable price, around $15 for the test."

While there may be some uranium naturally occurring in the area's wells, it is Simpson's aim to do a baseline study to see how much of what exactly there is in the wells, in a proactive move which he hopes he won't have to use in the future.

In the event the uranium companies are as unstoppable as they've been in the past regarding permission to operate open pit mines, the proactive test organized by FUME just might be enough to shutdown such an operation if there's enough evidence of environmental and health hazards.

What's unfortunate about the possible open pit mining is that it won't likely be our generation that will suffer from the effects of mining, but the generations to come.

As pointed out in the Bancroft Uranium Inc. article on page 1, it is the company's hope to start drilling in January 2008 and Simpson is very aware of what's happening near his neck of the woods.

"They seem to know where they're going to explore because they ripped the hell out of the bush over there," says Simpson of a 125-mile section of land near Hadlington Rd. in Monmouth.

In late August Simpson approached council at a community forum in Gooderham about the health and environmental issues often involved with the mining of uranium. Unfortunately, at that point, there wasn't much town council could do and even now the issue of uranium mining requires more public interest.

While he feels the meeting in Gooderham back in the summer is long-forgotten by council he mentioned bringing the issue back to council again in the near future; this time with FUME and loaded with even more information and education.

"We're definitely going before them [council] in January sometime and what we're going to ask them to do is the same as other townships have done and that's to endorse a moratorium.

"If you start getting 10 municipal governments lobbying the government it makes a pretty good point," says Simpson.

Simpson believes that it only makes sense that council would be in support of FUME.

"It's in their very best interest to support us because land values will plummet around here and cottagers are sure as hell not going to be happy losing value, especially ones who have just built cottages," says Simpson.

Of his own land — about 100 acres of peace and quiet and the reason he moved to the location in the first place — he says, "In my opinion my land is un-saleable right now. I personally couldn't, morally, sell it to anybody without telling them all of this and I don't think any real estate company has the option of doing that either."

To find out more about FUME's water testing or to find out more about the uranium happenings visit the FUME website at www.fighturanium.com or write to Robin and Christine at fighturanium@gmail.com. They can also be contacted by phone at 705-447-3407.

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Company optimistic about uranium deposit's feasibility

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ments," meaning they're only beliefs, plans, expectations or intentions, actual results could differ from those projected.

Part of the reason that the project may succeed is the proximity of a processing facility, owned by Saskatchewan mining giant Cameco, in Port Hope.

With a nearby processing plant and tests done in the 1970s that show the territory has more than an 80 per cent recovery by simple gravity separation, Fleming says there is potential for reliable, low-cost production.

"If it actually proves out that they have there, essentially, two to five million pounds of uranium, well then the next step will be full-scale drilling," says Fleming. "And then they would go and raise additional money, probably $15-$20 million to go into full-scale uranium mining with the processing done at the Port Hope facility."

Essentially the only thing preventing the company from going ahead immediately, apart from money —which in the uranium industry isn't hard to find—is what's known as the 43-101 compliance.

"The 43-101 is sort of the modern standard," says Fleming. "They have the ore proven out at approximately two million pounds, but it goes back to the standards of the late 1960s, early 1970s, so really what they need to do is bring it up to modern compliance standards.

"Assuming that goes well, then they'd be able to raise additional money to begin actual mining of uranium."

Bancroft Uranium Inc. is finishing prospecting, geological mapping and surface trenching with channel saw sampling. The company is planning the surface diamond-drilling program in Monmouth for January 2008

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Class Environmental Assessment
Reconstruction of County Road 21

The County of Haliburton has completed a design study to examine improvements to County Road 21 from the Allsaw Bridge easterly for 6.64km to a point approximately 350 metres west of Peninsula Road.

Based on the results of the study, the proposed improvements include the following:

- Pavement rehabilitation by full depth reclamation with new hot mix overlay
- Replacement of damaged/failed culverts
- Reconstruction of three severely distressed sections of road
- Installation of 1.2 m wide paved shoulders on both sides of County Road 21
- Minor changes to the alignment to improve safety

Drawings depicting the above improvements are available at the offices of the County of Haliburton for review.

This project is being planned under Schedule B in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000). Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice and the receipt of the necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the construction of this project in the spring of 2008.

Interested persons should provide written comments to either the County of Haliburton or the Greer Galloway Group within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be addressed as outlined below.

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If concerns arise regarding this project which cannot be resolved in discussion with the County, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an Order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of the date of issuance of the Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the County of Haliburton. If no request is received by **January 19, 2008** the Class EA process will be complete and the County may proceed to construction.

Minister of the Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue, 10th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5

This notice issued December 12, 2007.

community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

• Dec. 18: The Highlands Male Chorus and CBC Radio's LIKE THE DICKENS at Haliburton United Church, Tues., 7:00 p.m.. The Dicken's Christmas Story as read by CBC's Christopher Thomas and four other local personalities. There will be music, carols and refreshments to follow. Proceeds to the four food banks in the county. Donations of non-perishable food gratefully accepted. For ticket information call 286-3248 or 457-4719 or e-mail ron.clark@sympatico.ca

• Dec. 20: Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach – Lloyd Watson Centre. Drop-in & see us every other Thursday at 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents & children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, & active circle times; toy & book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy & safe; nutritional snacks; & guest speakers. Call 457-2989 for info.

• Dec. 22: Blood Donor Clinic – Haliburton Legion, 16 Mountain Street, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

• Dec. 23: Highland Lakes Community Church presents: "Celebrating Christmas In The County," Sun. at 10:30 a.m., at the Minden Hills Community Centre in Minden. All are welcome to attend this family Christmas season event (our very first!) Special musical guests from Halls Lake, Our children's program, Carol singing, a dramatic presentation of the Christmas story & more! Festive goodies & refreshments avail.

• Dec. 23: West Guilford Baptist Church Christmas Programs. 11 a.m. - 12 noon Service of worship featuring a Children's Christmas play. Everyone invited for lunch. Christmas Evening Program, 7 p.m., come enjoy music and readings to reflect the true meaning of Christmas.

• Dec. 24: St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden welcomes everyone to their Christmas Eve services at 7 p.m. and 11p.m. We are delighted to welcome back English bass-baritone Martin Elliott as our guest soloist at both services.

• Jan. 9: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. For our program we will have a sharing of ideas from various members who have attended workshops outside of our Guild. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. & guests & new members are always welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.

• Feb. 13: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. We will be working on a Sudoku quilt with the meeting starting at 1 p.m. New members welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.

• Mar. 12: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. Our program will be tips & techniques round robin. The general meeting starts at 1 p.m. New members welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.

• Apr. 9: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. and our visiting speaker will be Renske Helmuth who will do a trunk show. Renske will also do a workshop on the following day. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.

• May 14: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. This month is our Annual General Meeting, & new members are always welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.

ONGOING EVENTS

• A pictorial essay of Haliburton County . A new picture every day at jackbush.my-expressions.com

• Adult Badminton – Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1765.

• Al-Anon Meetings – Are you affected by someone else's drinking- If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.

• Alzheimer's Disease – "Caring with Confidence" a group for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at Community Care at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.

• Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.

• Celebrate Recovery Meeting – Looking for a safe place to discuss real life issues without fer of bring judged or condemned- Celebrate Recovery is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.

• Contract Bridge - Bid Euchre – Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+) & like to play cards, Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge every Mon. at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre every Thurs. at 1 p.m. & Cribbage every Fri. at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.

• Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games- Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.

• Do you have a connection to Haliburton County & have submitted your name to be embroidered on the Highlands Heritage Dream Quilt- The cutoff date is: Dec. 15. More than 500 are now on the quilt which will be displayed in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. This is a Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild project with all proceeds donated to Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative in Haliburton. Call Sharon Middlehurst at 286-1531.

• Early Learning Adventure Mornings. Parents, come join us on an adventure with your toddler and/or pre-schooler to discover how learning can be exciting & FUN!

• Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults – offered by Community Care every Thursday with yoga and fitness activities while standing, lying on the floor and sitting in a chair. The instructor is Gail Holeness. Call 457-2941 for more information. Support is provided from an Government of Ontario Active 2010 grant.

• For women experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800)

• Highlands Squash Club (beside the Haliburton Arena) offers Recreational Squash. Tues. & Thurs. evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. (Now until Dec. 20) Racquets for loan or sale. Free lessons for beginners. Membership available. Call Glen at 457-2862 or Don at 457-1110.

• Indoor Walking – Haliburton - Walk for your health! Inside the high school, 7 to 8 a.m. Sponsored by "Heart & Stroke." Phone Kelly & Jackie Metcalf at 457-3756.

• Indoor Walking in Minden at Archie Stouffer on all school days, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. now until May/08. Call Maxine, 286-2006 or Morris, 286-6079. Sponsored by Heart & Stroke.

• Living with Cancer – A Support Group for cancer survivors & those currently living with cancer meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month from 1-3 p.m. For info, location, & to register for the Group, call Linda or Dorothy at 457-1742.

• Mac user group starting up! Anyone interested in meeting once a month please email HYPERLINK "mailto:haliburtondance@sympatico.ca"haliburtondance@sympatico.ca (in conjunction with HYPERLINK "mailto:macs@work"macs@work)

• Meals On Wheels – by Community Care Haliburton County offers nutritiously balanced frozen meals on wheels. We have transportation services to get you to medical & other appointments. And we offer an Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of knowing that they can access help at any time, without reaching the telephone. Call 457-2941.

• North Entrance Lodge – meets the third Wednesday of each month, from now until June 2008 at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in this great fraternity please call Roger Hillier at 447-2767.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Essonville Church hosts traditional carol service this weekend

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

"Snow has fallen snow on snow, In the bleak mid winter...."

No it's not a Christmas hymn, it is Wilberforce in a winter storm. But on Monday morning the sun is shining and the driveways are ploughed. Who can ask for anything more in this winter wonderland?

The Anglican Church Women of St. Margaret's held their Christmas meeting at the House In The Village B&B on Thursday afternoon, December 13. It was a pleasant time of sharing and fellowship.

Condolences are extended to the family of Elizabeth "Bette" Herlihey who died suddenly in hospital in Peterborough on Saturday December 8, 2007. She was in her 98th year. Older people in this area knew here as Miss Bette Byers, a teacher at the Wilberforce School in the 1930s. It was here that she met her husband Robert "Bob" Herlihey of Tory Hill. Bette was a long-time resident of Minden. She was very community minded and will be greatly missed by her friends there. She was predeceased by Bob. She is survived by her daughter Heather Judson and son Robert (Donna). She was a loving grandmother and greatgrandmother. Visitation took place at Monk's Funeral Home and the funeral service was at the Minden United Church on December 15.

The bell will be ringing out in the valley and voices will be raised at the annual old-fashioned Carol Service at the Essonville Historic Church this Sunday evening. That's December 23.It all begins at 7 p.m..

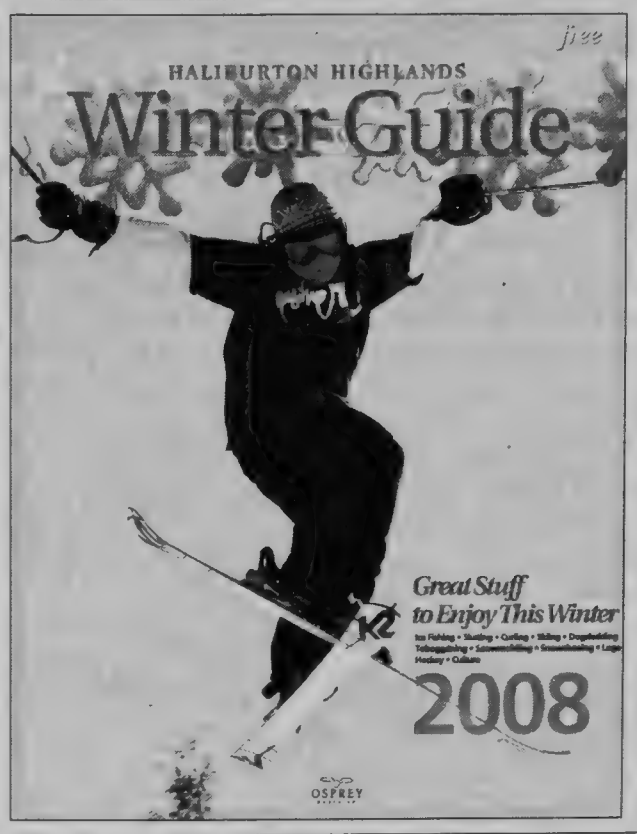
We look forward to the Wilberforce School Concert on December 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. The children take their performances very seriously and put on a good program.

Sunday, December 23 is the Candlelight Carol Service at the Harcourt Chapel. It begins at 7 p.m.. There will be no service on Sunday evening, December 30, at the Chapel. Instead there will be a News Year's Eve program the next night, December 31 beginning at 9 p.m.. It concludes after midnight. All welcome.

Best wishes from all her friends in Wilberforce go out to Doreen Gainforth for a speedy recovery after recent surgery.

Isn't it interesting with all the worship services and concerts that go on before Christmas that very few churches actually have a service on Christmas Day? Guess that the real birthday is spent with families celebrating Santa.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Bud Storey. Bernard Glen Storey died in hospital in Toronto on December 2, 2007. He was in his 77th year. Bud was a life-long resident of the area living more than 50 years in Harcourt. He had recently moved to Bancroft. Sympathy is extended to his wile Martha Lillian, and to his son, Ed(Jean),daughter Karen (Mike) Hood and son Ben (Sandra) and all his relatives and friends. Always outgoing, friendly and ready for a chat, Bud will be remembered as well for the famous long white beard that he sported for many years. He was a great helper for Santa Claus on many occasions and a super snowplougher. He will be missed.



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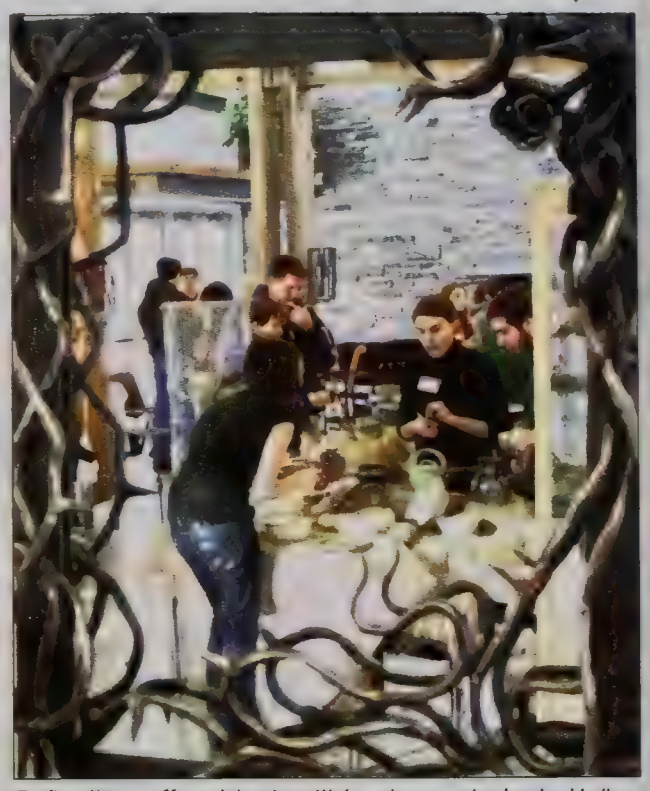
Show and sell

DAVID TAYLOR/Special to the Echo

Fleming College was bustling Saturday with the Student Show and Sale, which takes place twice per year, one at the end of each semester. This student driven event, which is supported by the college, is the first opportunity for many to show off their work. Ian LeBlance, who organized this and the last three shows, says that the students skills are "immense". Approximately $27,000 has been brought in for students since the first show began. About 300 to 400 visitors enjoy each show and sale. The college offers programs including blacksmithing, ceramics, drawing and painting, photo arts, and visual creative arts diploma. In the spring, the college will offer jewelery, glassblowing, and sculpture certificate programs and continue the arts diploma.



Reflecting off a blacksmith's piece, students Hailey Fegan and Anna Lepage look at some of the work that is on display.

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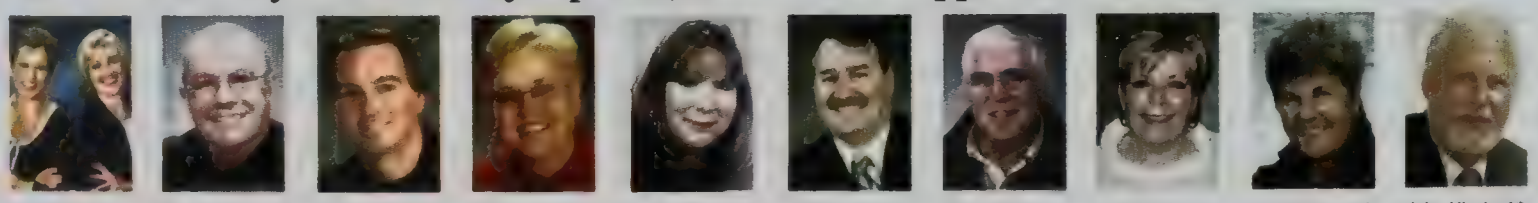

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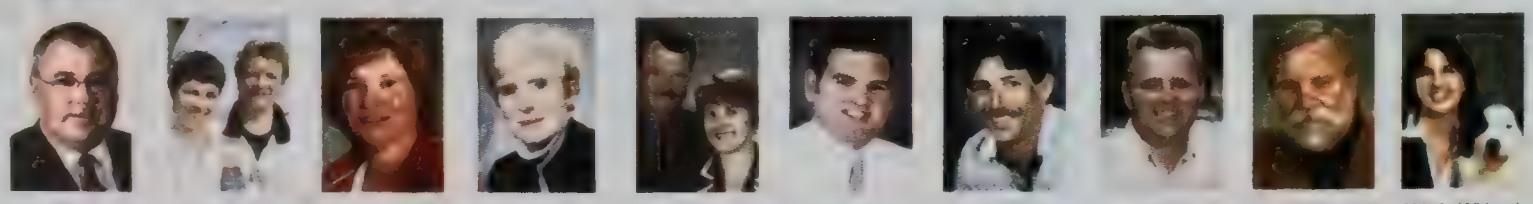

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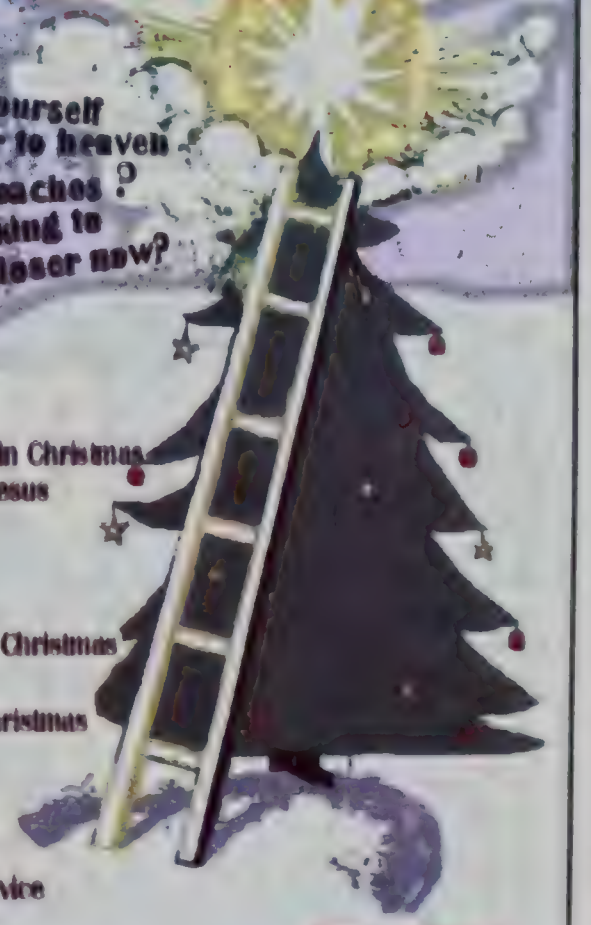

Sun. Dec. 23
St. George's – 9:30 a.m.: Main Christmas Service – Birthday Party for Jesus (no 8:00 a.m. service)

Mon. Dec. 24
St. Margaret's – 12:00 noon: Christmas Eve Eucharist
St. George's – 5:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Eucharist

Sun. Dec. 30
St. George's – 9:30 a.m.: Service of Lessons & Carols
St. Margaret's – 11:15 a.m.: Service of Lessons & Carols

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Christmas will be difficult for mourning families

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

A note of sincere sympathy to begin with: Shirley Johnston's father, Ted Rudd, died on Dec. 12, and we are sad to learn of this distress and sadness for Shirley especially when she herself has to undergo heart surgery in Newmarket this week. Our sympathy extends also to Mark Freeman's family (next door to us) and to Ted's sister-in-law, Iris Freeman. The memorial service will be held on January 28 at Uxbridge Legion.

Another loss to the community has happened in the death of Harold Andrews on Dec. 14. Two daughters, Dianne and Deborah, mourn his loss, as does Isabelle Porath, Harold's companion of the past years. He was predeceased by his son, Kyle. In this connection, lunch will be served at the community centre following the service for Harold at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home.

For years now Shirley Sisson and Alice Jones have undertaken the coordination of refreshments for those who have attended the funerals. It has come to my attention that someone, or a couple perhaps, needs to take charge of this arrangement. If you can see your way clear to being the person willing to do this, please give a call to Carol Stamp, 754-2168, or to me at 754-2278, and I will pass along this welcome information. A word of gratitude is certainly due to Alice and Shirley for their faithfulness to this task for so many years.

Paul and Karin Noland and Kathleen Owens attended the Christmas party for the Tai Chi participants on Dec. 14 at the Haliburton United Church hall where the classes regularly are held Monday and Thursday mornings. Games, food and music made fun for the evening.

Bas Bouthoorn, Margaret Milne, Keith Burns, Beth Johns and I formed the Guilford contingent of the Highlands Concert Band's performance at Extendicare on Dec. 14. Afterwards we were joined by Myrtle Bouthoorn, Norris Turner, Brittney Watson, Frances Burns and Jim Milne. Technically speaking, the Burns, Beth and Norris are in Stanhope so mention should include Paul Irwin who plays trombone now in our band. He was accompanied by his wife Carol Kilby.

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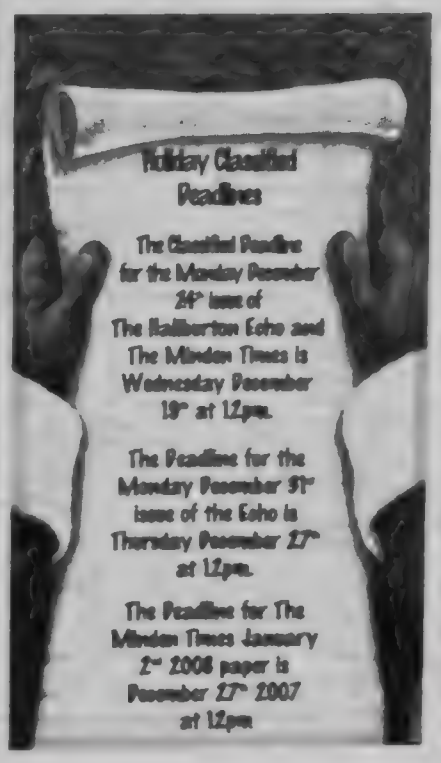

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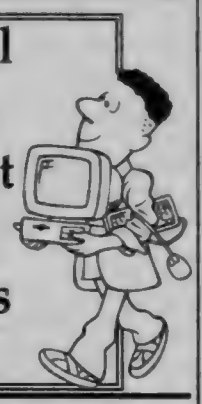

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

THE LATE ROBERT JAMES MORROW,Sr.

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Robert James Morrow Sr. late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 5th day of November 2007, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said estate on or before the 26th day of December 2007

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice

Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 23rd day of November, 2007.

RAYMOND G. SELBIE
Barrister, Solicitor
P O Box 186
Haliburton, Ontario
KOM 1SO

Legal Notices A900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

THE LATE LESLIE EDWARD ILES

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **LESLIE EDWARD ILES** late, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 21st day of November 2007, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said estate on or before the 3rd day of January 2008

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice

Dated at Haliburton Ontario this 30th day of November 2007

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Announcements

Thank You Cards

THANKS Mystery People!
Two Folks dropped off lovely fabric or thread / wool. Merry Christmas Please call Jane Selbie 457-3412

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Deaths

BOLDT, Joan Elizabeth - Passed away peacefully at the age of 71.
Beloved wife of Ken of Minden. Loving Mother of Stephen (Cathy) of Mississauga, Kim (Tom Britton) of Eagle Lake, and Larry (Heather) of Mississauga. Cherished Grandmother of Shannon (Ashley Walker), Joshua, Adam, Sarah, Julia, Jesse, Jenna and Zachary. Great Nanny to Shawn. Dear sister of Doug Black and Barbara Holden. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family & friends.
Funeral was held on Friday, December 14th at Queensway Baptist Church in Etobicoke. Memorial Service was held on Saturday December 15th at the Gordon Monk Funeral Home in Minden. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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Deaths

THOMSON, Marjorie (Nee Manson) - Passed away quietly at the Highland Wood Long Term Care, Haliburton on Tuesday, December 11, 2007. In her 102nd year.

Beloved wife of the late J.D. Thomson. Dear mother of Jean Clarke and her husband Don (predeceased), Doug Thomson (predeceased) and his wife Arlene all of Haliburton. Loving grandmother of Gwen (Greg), Dale (Roy), Leith, Karen, Shelley (Luke), and 11 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com. on Thursday, December 27, 2007 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Interment at Burnbrae Cemetery, Campbellford at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society or to the CNIB would be appreciated by the family.

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Obituaries

DEVOLIN, George Edgar - At Caressant Care, Marmora, on Sunday December 2, 2007 in his 93rd year.

Beloved husband for 70 years to Hilda Mary Holmes. Father of Donna (Peter) Lloyd, Greensboro, Georgia; Douglas (June) of Haliburton ; and Darrel (Friend Betty) Bobcaygen. Survived by one brother Grant (Marna) of Belleville. Much loved by grandchildren: Brent (Ursula) of Haliburton Jennifer (Ken) of Stoney Creek; Jeff (Kim) Bobcaygen and great grandchildren Kurran, Lauren, Spencer, Alexandra, Jordyn, George and Molly.

George lived a full and active life almost to the end. He served his church and community well. The celebration of his life was held on December 8 at Trinity United Church, Madoc.

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LEE, Judy (Nee Simms) - Passed away in hospital in Calgary Alberta November 25, 2007 in her 57th year.

Loving mother of Tina and Kendra, Son-in-law Trevor and loving grandmother of Darcy and Nathan.

Judy will be fondly remembered by Sisters Thelda Thurston, Karen (Larry Vick), Nancy (Joe Hancock), Brother Butch (Muriel) and sister-in-law Sylvia Simms. Judy will also be remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her twin brother Jack, brother Bradley and sister Jessie Lloyd.

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Card of thanks

How can a heart break one minute and burst with pride the next. The loss of Max has done just this but the love of family and friends is helping to heal it again. Thanks go out to his fellow comrades from Station 4 and 5 Highlands East Fire Departments, the EMS people and the doctors and staff at Haliburton and Peterborough Hospitals for giving me and my family those 3 extra weeks with him. We are so grateful !!!

Dave Burton and Bill Wingrove, thank you for organizing the most beautiful farewell party ever. He would have been proud.

To all those Firefighters from all of Highlands East, Minden, Haliburton and Stanhope that braved the cold for so long and lite our path, **THANK YOU.**

To the Essonville Historical Church people, My Branch #624 Legion Ladies, Les Schell, Tom and Vicki White and all those folks who made donations and delivered us much needed hugs. **THANK YOU.**

To Mike Daly of Maynooth for walking us through the hardest time our our lives with such gentleness and compassion. **THANK YOU.**

But most of all to "our" 3 angels - Kathy, Rhonda and Julie and their families. I love you. We will always be there for each other.

Nat, Marcel, Antionette and Jane - You were always there at my side and I will never be able to repay you or forget all you've done for all of us.

Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart and God Bless each and everyone.

- Roberta Walsh

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David Hager Sovereign

1938-2007

It is with great sadness that Suzanne announces the passing of her beloved husband, David Hagar on Saturday December 15, 2007 at Toronto General Hospital. Dave touched the lives of everyone he met with his kindness, humility and gentle sense of humor. Dave is survived by his brother Richard (Helen), his sister Evelyn Mercer. Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews Beth, Dean, Tom, Tovi, Sieanna, Chris, Janet, David, Ornella, Kim, Barry, Ivan and his special cousins Dave & Roberta Saunders and their family.Our family is so grateful for the wonderful care and support Dave received from the medical staff at Haliburton Highlands Heath Services Hospital, Peterborough Civic Hospital and Toronto General Hospital. A very special thank you to Dr. Tina Stephenson for her extraordinary care and compassion throughout Dave's illness and passing.

Visitation & Celebration Of Life

In accordance with Dave's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Private Memorial Service has been held. A Celebration of Dave's life will take place at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, December 27, 2007 from 2 - 4 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, Canadian Diabetes Association or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Harold Andrews

At Haliburton Hospital on Friday morning, December 14, 2007 in his 83rd year. Beloved companion of Isabelle Porath. Former husband of Barbara Andrews. Loving father of Deborah and her husband Ron Vink and Dianne Andrews and her husband John Keast. Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Rebecca, Cor, Nicholas, Chad, Katie and Ezra. Predeceased by his son Kyle Andrews (2001). Sadly missed by his many friends and his daughter-in-law Carol Andrews.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends may call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton,Ontario (705)457-9209 on Tuesday afternoon, December 18, 2007 from Noon until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the ALS Society of Canada or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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Announcements

In memoriam

CASEY Ray - In loving memory of a dear husband, Dad and grandpa who passed away December 23, 2005.

To a Special life came a sudden end,
He died as he lived, everyone's friend.
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In memoriam

In Memory of Edith Johnson

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They hold a million memories,
And a thousand silent tears.

To us you were so special,
What more is there to say,
Except we wish with all our hearts,
That you were here today.

Forever Loved, and Always Remembered, Patti, Kevin, Ryan & Cole, Kim, Rick, Kaitlyn & Blake, Angela Tony & Edie Mae

In memoriam

JOHNSON, Edith - In loving memory of a dear Mom and Grandma who passed away December 25, 1994.

Till roses lose their petals
Till heather has lost it's due.
Till the end of time dear Mother.
We will remember you.

- Always loved and forever remembered Vicky, Rob, Justin and Alyssa

Remembering Parents and Grandparents Orville March 1 1973 - May December 21, 2000.

Softly the leaves of memory fall
Gently we gather - Cherish them all
some may forget, now your gone.
We will remember no matter how long

- Missed by Ruth and Family

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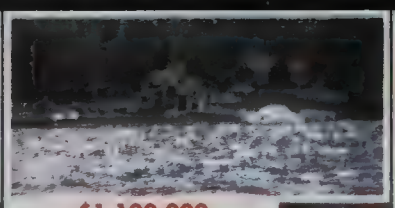

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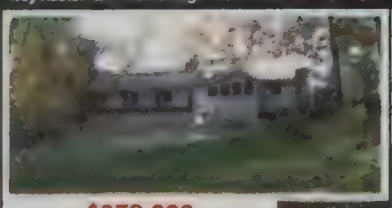

$279,000

Finish to your taste!: 3 bdrm. cottage on no-motor Bat Lake. 204 ft. frtg. 1.95 acres, privacy galore on a yr. rnd. road. Amazing lot w/gate & lamp-lit driveway. Cottage has been raised w/brand new basement underneath. Basement has 3 w/o's. *Call Terry Carr*

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$209,000

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$99,500

Gull River-Maple Lake

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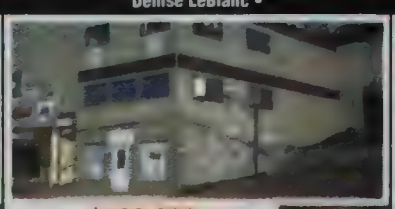

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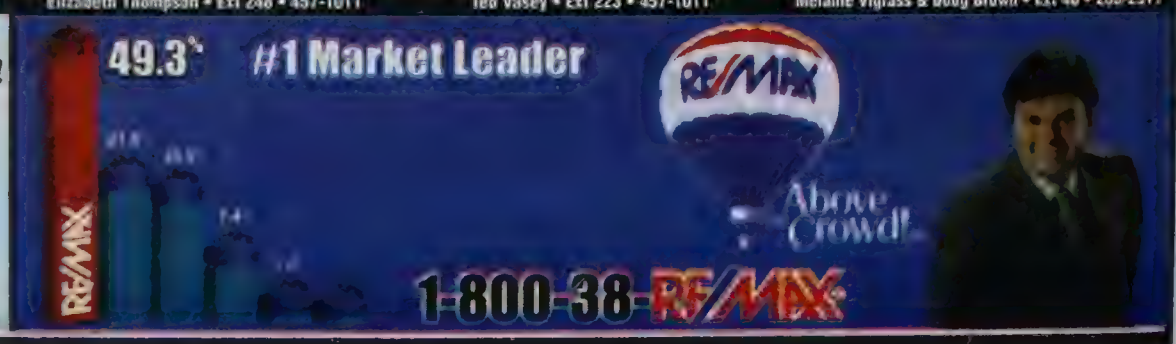

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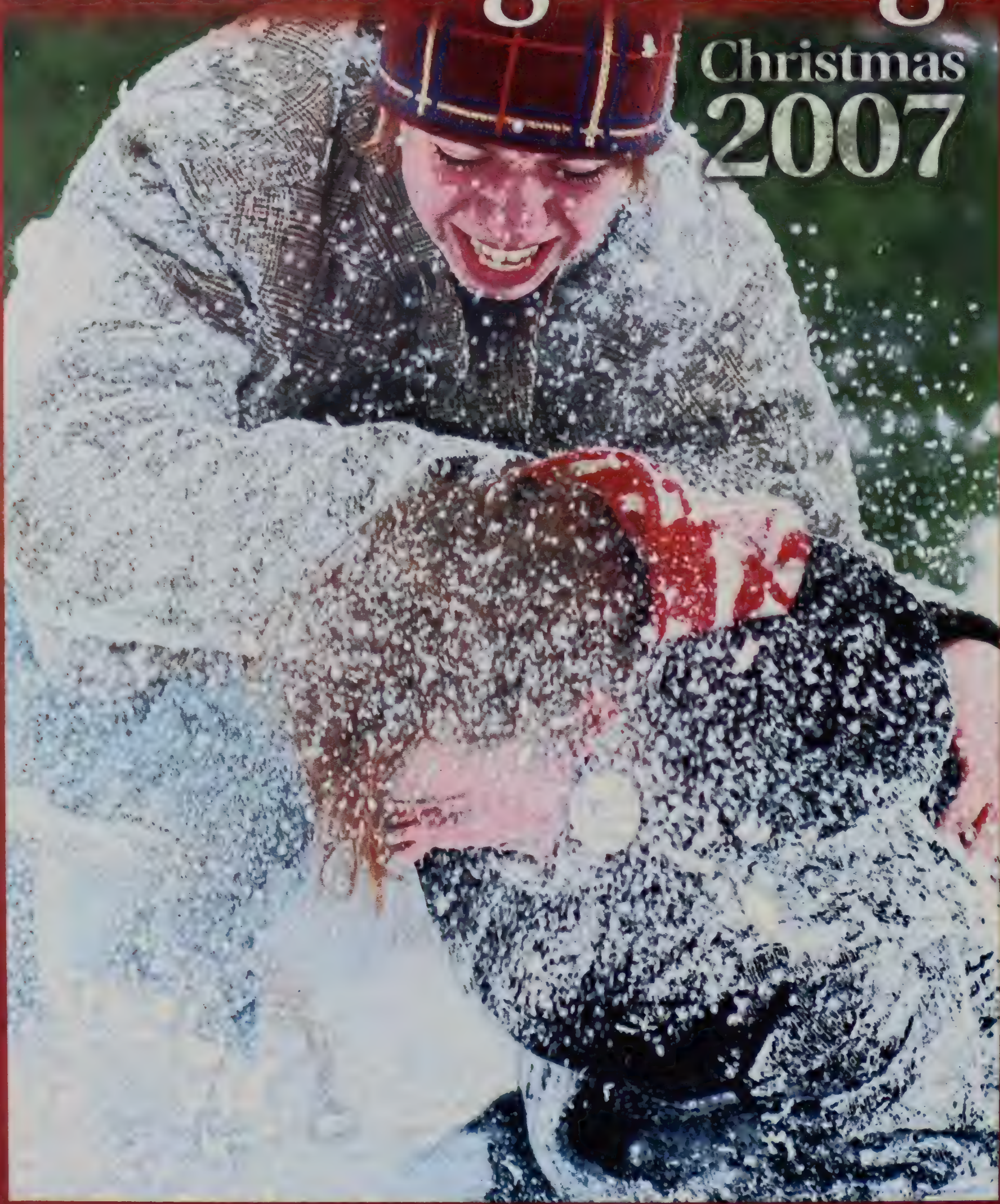
season's greetings

Christmas 2007



THE HALIBURTON COUNTY ECHO

H.C.E. 18-12-2007.

Silent Night

in dreams she delves
in the lost rooms
of her childhood
candle-lit boughs
glitter glint of tinsel
scent of gingerbread baking
midnight carols

vast indigo star-scapes
snowflake-tickled tongues
angels-of-snow
beneath mantle of holly,
hung with longest sock
she could find,
a plate of cold milk, cookies, carrots

hand-printed note
welcome, hope you are not too tired
P.S. the carrots are for the reindeer
the waiting, the waiting
for boot-crunch on rooftop
the waking, more waiting
till the first faint ray of light

Tiina Heathcock still remembers her childhood visit with Santa.

the uncles, the aunts, houseful of cousins
grandpas and grandmas, wafts of perfume, cigars
turkey with stuffing, evergreen logs
in room after room,
she embraces those now long gone
awakes to a day of new comforts, new joys

Tiina Heathcock

About our cover

. *Echo* reporter Greg Hoekstra snapped this photo of German exchange students Lisa Germais and Palle Jurgensen playfully enjoying their first Canadian Christmas in the Haliburton Highlands.

For a full story on the students and their exchange experience please see pages 6 and 7.

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Friday 28th - 7:30 am - 5:00 pm OPEN
Saturday 29th - 7:30 am - 5:00 PM OPEN
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How the Grinch edited Christmas

A Christmas poem

By Steve Galea

All the reporters at the newspaper liked
Christmas a lot,
But Editor Perkins, she certainly did not.

She hated Christmas – the whole Yuletide season.
We didn't ask why, she considered that treason.

We speculated perhaps that her shoes were too tight,
But I tried them myself and they fit me just right.

But I think the best reason, the best reason of all,
Was that her newspaper that week was eight pages too small.

She sat in her office, editing verbs all alone,
She didn't even bother to answer the phone.

But meanwhile downstairs, where reporters did lurk,
We started to sing, despite the big jerk.

We sang Christmas carols; we sang them off key,
We wrapped lots of presents; we put up a tree.

And up in her office, Perkins smiled an evil grin,
the kind that we'd seen again and again.

"I must stop this Christmas; or we'll have no good reads,"
So she sent us all off on these hare-brained leads.

To Hoekstra she said, "Go find me a story,
And get it today, or boy you'll be sorry."

And Hoekstra responded, "Oh why Perkins why?"
She returned a stern look, so he said he would try

The Editor's wit was so sly and so slick,
She pointed to a blank page and she pointed real quick.

"Why my little reporter," she said with a sob,
"Though Christmas is coming, this still is your job."

Hoeskstra was off, with notepad in hand
To find a good story for on the newsstand

"And what should I do," I asked with a smile,
with my perfect syntax and grammatical style.

She thought to herself, and thought right out loud,
"Please try to do something that would make us all proud."

So that ruled out all things I had done up till then,
And I asked her once more, yes I asked her again.

"What should I do? What piece should I write?"
But the thought of my writing sure made her uptight.

"Oh drat it, oh bother, please keep your piece brief,
The last three you sent, brought editorial grief."

So I went back to work trimming the tree,
I had a few walnuts and a nice slab of Brie.

Seeing all this she started to holler
But wearing her heels, I was six inches taller

She threw me out, out on the street,
Since she took back her shoes, I was there in bare feet.

Then while we were gone, out chasing our stories,
She stripped down the tree, just like budget-crazed Tories.
Out with the garland and the tinsel strings too,
Then she got out the Lysol and sprayed down her shoe
She gathered the wreath, and all festive balls,
She tore down the lights and undecked the halls,

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A Christmas Wish

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'They're finding out now that no break time is coming'

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"We'll need Christmas photos to dress this thing up,
Now get me a sled, a rope and your pup!"

I harnessed my dog to a sleigh that was red,
She took off her shoes and put boots on instead!

Callie leaned forward, the bindings strained tight,
But could barely pull Martha with all of her might,

Perkins stood up and scowled at the mutt,
Callie pulled hard; she fell flat on her butt.

Now if you read this and the sled it did move,
The editor changed it and I don't approve

Back in the office, I was collecting my things,
The Viking breastplates and helmets with wings,

The pillows I used for my afternoon snooze,
When Perkins walked in and reclaimed her shoes.

She looked at the clock; our work day was numbing
"They're finding out now that no break time is coming.
They're just getting up, I know just what they'll do.
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,
then the staff in the press room will all

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GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Though Callie tried and tried, she simply was not able to pull Parsimonious Perkins on a sled down Vinegar Hill. If you read otherwise in this Christmas poem, then Perkins has been up to her evil editing ways.

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cry, 'Boo Hoo.'"

Then up through the vent a note it did rise,
And Perkins was caught by total surprise,
The paper was done,
The staff heaved a sigh,
We filled all the pages,
No word of a lie.

And Perkins then read and gave the writing some credit,
I swear to you now, she was light on the edit.

Every staff on the main floor, the tall and the small, was writing with fine punctuation and all.

It came without clichés! It came without slags!
It came without inaccuracies, like in other rags!
It came without stories of mayhem to bore us;
They even used words found in Roget's Thesaurus!

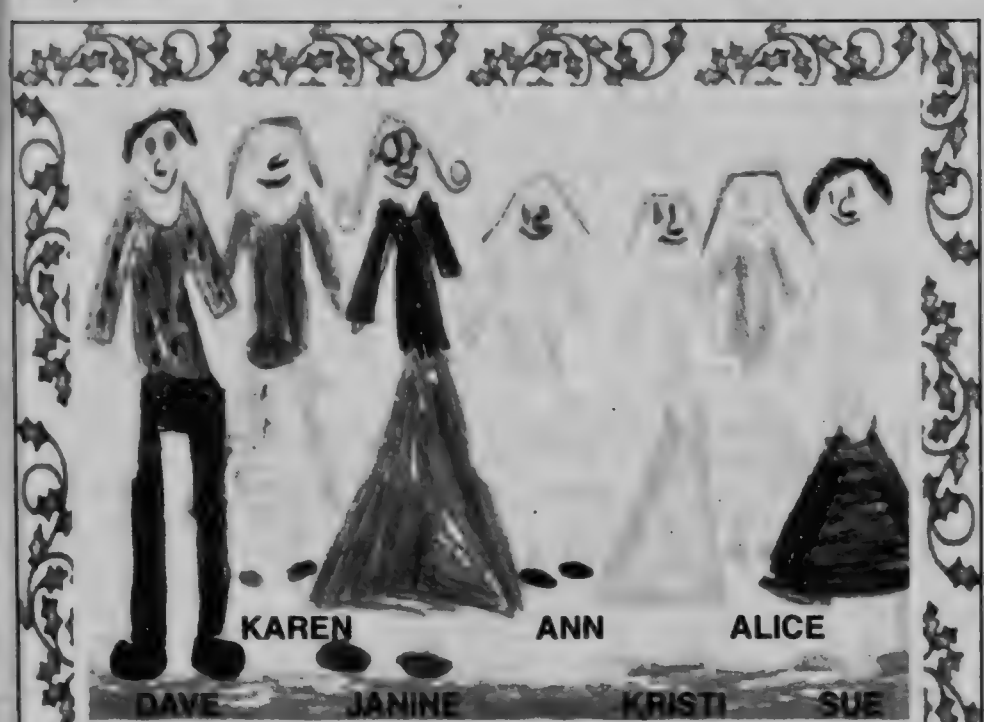
And the Editor's heart grew three sizes that day,
which isn't too healthy but what can you say?

All the things she held onto were quickly set free,

And remember those heels?
Yes, she gave them to me...
Merry Christmas!

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Would you pull the whiskers off these cute kittens? Greg Hoekstra and Steve Galea managed to protect them from an angry Grinch



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A Deutsch Christmas

German exchange students celebrate their first Christmas away from home

By Emily Stonehouse

If you want to wish Lisa Germais or Palle Jurgensen a Merry Christmas, say "Froliche Weihnacht."

Lisa and Palle are high school exchange student from western Germany. They have many things in common other than their heritage. They are both staying at Halimar Lodge in Haliburton, and this will be their first Christmas away from home.

"Peer Palle Jurgen Jurgensen is my full name but you can call me Palle," he says. Palle is from a small town on the sea called Barumstedt and it is rich with Christmas traditions.

"We decorate very traditionally, "says Palle. "Nothing too fancy – we decorate with hay figures, and red Christmas bulbs, a lot of old stuff from my grandparents, and we throw chocolate candies all over the place."

Lisa says, "It's going to be very different celebrating Christmas in Canada rather than Germany, and I am going to miss my family and their traditions very much. But I am still excited to celebrate a Canadian Christmas."

In Germany, on the morning of December 24, Palle and his family – his mom, his dad, his five older brothers, and one older sister – usually pile into a van

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GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Palle Jurgensen and Lisa Germais, exchange students from western Germany,enjoy Haliburton's early winter.

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Christmastime

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'I swear I saw Santa flying in the sky with his reindeer'

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and venture off to pick up his two Omas (grandmothers) and bring them back to the family home. Once the family arrives home, the six brothers, including Palle, take their Omas out to do something fun together. "In the past, we have gone to the movies, or we go swimming. Last year we went for a walk in the woods together."

While the boys and their Omas are off venturing, his mother, father, and older sister stay home to cook the Christmas meal.

Lisa and her family – her brother, her mother, her mom's boyfriend, her Oma and her Oma's husband – also share Christmas Eve together.

Every West German family has traditions they commonly share, and some that they customize to fit their family. "The evening of December 24 goes like this: eating, opening, church," says Palle and Lisa agrees.

Palle's Christmas dinner consists of mashed potatoes, vegetables, duck, and beer or wine to drink. "Sixteen is the legal drinking age for people in Germany," Palle notes. And for dessert? "My sister is a really, really good cook, so every year she just makes a lot of cakes and cookies for us to eat."

Palle and Lisa look forward to celebrating a Canadian Christmas.

Lisa also shares in a big feast with her family but the menu is slightly different. It's a vegetarian feast. Lisa and her family eat potatoes, cheese, peppers, onions, and mushrooms, and for dessert, they eat mousse au chocolat.

One of the interesting traditions that both Lisa and Palle share is making gingerbread houses. Palle gives his to a local swim team to sell so they can make money.

One of Lisa's favourite things about the holiday season is Heihnachtsman, in Canada known as Santa Claus. "I swear that when I was very little, I saw Santa Claus flying in the sky with his reindeer. Another year, on the 24th of December of course, Santa Claus came, and he played the guitar for us. It was very nice."

A white Christmas in Germany isn't very common. "We are happy when we have a white Christmas but I have only ever had two or three of those," says Palle. "I am very excited because I am going to build a snowman on Christmas day. I have never done that before."

Both Palle and Lisa are also very excited about experiencing the winter sports, such as kite skiing and snowboarding.

Sharing a white Christmas in Haliburton together will help soften the fact that Palle and Lisa are thousands of kilometres away from their family. Palle is the third boy in his family to participate in the Rotary exchange program in Haliburton. To Palle, there is comfort in knowing that his two brothers, and the rest of his family, can visualize where he is and what he is experiencing. "Haliburton is a special place to my family. I love Canada, I like the nice people, everyone is open and warm, and I would like to be a Canadian, but at Christmas time I am going to miss my family very, very much."

To Lisa there is comfort in knowing that her favourite Heihnachtsman will also visit Haliburton. She also feels connected with her family in Germany as they have recently sent her a beautiful and elaborate advent Calendar so she gets a little taste of home. "Everyone in Germany has an advent calendar. I couldn't possibly miss out on that tradition."

Palle and Lisa are both looking forward to celebrating a Canadian Christmas. They are a little scared and saddened to be celebrating this special holiday in a place other than home but they only see opportunities. They are happy they have each other, for they can share their German Christmas traditions together, but they are also happy they will be able to celebrate a true, white, Canadian Christmas among newfound friends.

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God Jul

Meggie Bergman hopes to add some Swedish influence to a Haliburton Christmas

By Emily Stonehouse

"There is so much snow here!" Meggie Bergman exclaims when I ask her how she likes Haliburton so far. "We have a little snow in Sweden, but definitely not as much as there is here. I really hope this snow stays for Christmas. I love snow!"

Meggie is from Malmo, a southern area in Sweden. She is currently on an exchange and living with a host family in Haliburton. She is very excited about celebrating her first Canadian Christmas. "I look forward to experiencing the cultural difference between Canada and Sweden."

In Sweden, the holiday festivities begin on December 13, a day known as Saint Lucia Day. Children dress up in white dresses, and they designate one girl Lucia. Lucia must wear a white dress with a red scarf, and a wreath of candles in her hair, and she must travel in the Lucia Day Parade. This year will be the first year since Meggie was young that she will not be celebrating St. Lucia Day. "It will feel strange. In Sweden, Lucia Day marks when we begin celebrating the season. In Haliburton, people start celebrating Christmas right after Hallowe'en. I think that is a little strange."

Meggie says she will be experiencing having her

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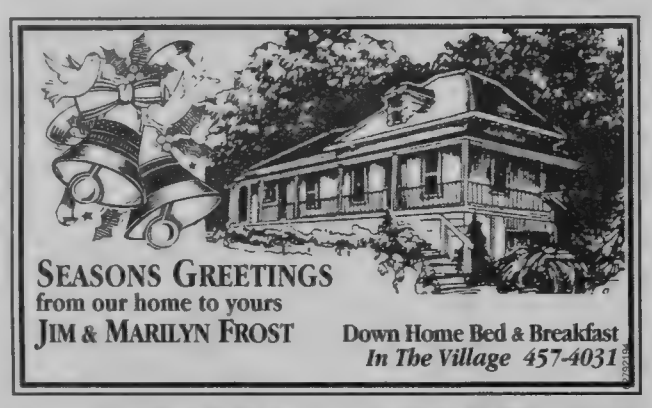
Swedish exchange student Meggie Bergman says, "I look forward to experiencing the cultural difference between Canada and Sweden."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Gifts are handed out and opened on December 24th

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first real evergreen Christmas tree. Despite the Swedish tradition of people getting their real trees the night before Christmas, Meggie and her family – her mother, her father, and her older brother – always get an artificial tree and they decorate it about two weeks before Christmas. This is simply because her brother is allergic to the pine needles. "I'm not sure if I am allergic yet. I guess we will find out!"

In Sweden, the main Christmas celebrations are on the 24th of December. All the delicious food is prepared. In her family, Meggie prepares meatballs, little sausages, Jansons Frestelse, anchovies and potatoes, Christmas ham, and a Lusse Bun. The Lusse bun is similar to a Christmas Cake, as it involves raisins and dried fruit. They also drink glogg, which can be drunk with alcohol, or no alcohol, and it has raisins in it. In Sweden, people drink glogg with a spoon, and usually when guests arrive.

Meggie recalls that at three in the afternoon on every Christmas Eve, after a hard day of cooking yummy Christmas delicacies, she and the rest of her family huddle around the television, and watch their favourite television Christmas special. After this, at around 5 p.m., the guests begin to arrive, and they all sit down to enjoy a holiday meal. After supper, around 8, Santa arrives, and he reads rhymes to the family and hands out gifts. All gifts are dispensed and opened on December 24.

In the morning of the 25th, Meggie opens up her stocking, which is usually filled with a clementine, and a variety of little trinkets, and the family eats the remaining food from the night before.

When asked if she would be practising her Swedish Christmas traditions here, in Haliburton, she replied. "I hope I can have a Swedish influence on a Haliburton Christmas."

Now that Meggie is 17, she feels that she has matured a bit when it comes to Christmas celebrations. "Now that I am older, I realize that Christmas is not just about the objects and gifts. It's more about the time I spend with my family and friends, and the festivities that are important to me. I realize that more now that I am away from home."

As I pack up my notebooks, and thank Meggie for a good interview, I wish her a Merry Christmas. She giggles, and in return, wishes me a merry Christmas, in Swedish, of course. "God Jul." she says. "And God

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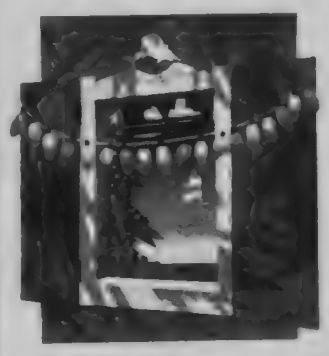

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2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp baking soda (mix with tbsp boiling water)
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1 cup currants
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1 cup cherries

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You will need:
1 tbsp cumin seeds, ground
2 tbsp oil
1/2 onion, chopped
2 cloves of garlic
3 cups chicken stock
2 cup squashes, peeled, and, chopped into one-inch pieces
2 tbsp butter
1/2 cup cream
salt
pepper

Directions:
1. Toast the cumin in a dry pot over medium heat, until you can smell its spiciness.
2. Add the oil to the pot and wait a minute for it to heat up.
3. Add the onion and garlic, and cook for 3-4 minutes, until the onion starts to change colour.
4. Increase the heat to high, and add the stock and squash.
5. Brng to the boil, and let it all cook for 15-20 minutes, until the squash is tender.
6. Puree the soup in a food processor or with a hand blender (if the soup is too thick, add water or more stock.)
7. When the soup is smooth, return it to the pot and stir in the butter.
8. Gradually add the cream, season and serve.

Submitted by: Roxanne Casey of Community Care Haliburton County (formerly Haliburton County Home Support Services)

Salmon appetizers

This appetizer is quick and easy. Keep the ingredients on hand to serve when unexpected company drops by for a holiday cheer!

1 can (7.75oz/220g) salmon
1/3 cup capers, drained
1/3 cup finely chopped green onions or celery
1/3 cup finely chopped red pepper
1 Tablespoons mayonnaise
1 tsp lemon juice
dash hot pepper sauce (optional)
2 Tablespoons chopped fresh or dried parsley or dill

In small bowl, remove skin from salmon and then mash with a fork (mash salmon juice and bones as well, salmon bones are excellent source of calcium and salmon juices contain omega –3 fatty acids)
Add capers, green onions or celery, red pepper, mayonnaise and lemon juice; mix well. Add hot pepper sauce to taste and parsley or dill. Spoon it on whole grain crackers or cucumber rounds, or stuff into cherry tomatoes. Garnish with parsley.

Submitted by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

Murray Fearrey's Sweet & Sour Ribs

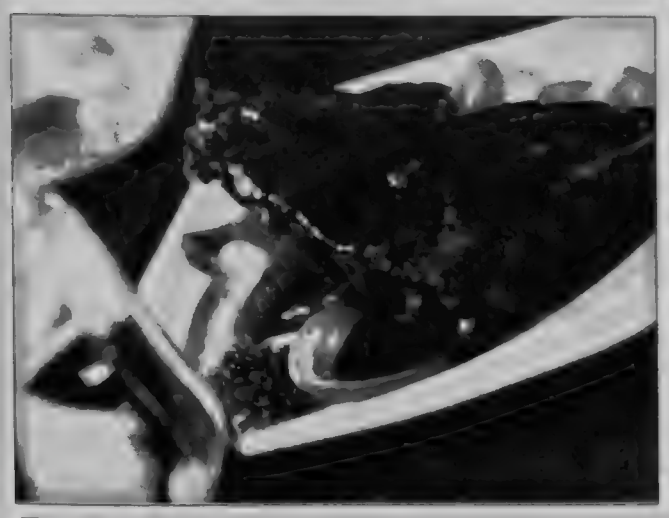
1.5 # ribs
1 tsp soya sauce
3 tlbsp brown sugar
1 cup water
1/4 cup vinegar

Bake ribs in oven
Add all remaining ingredients to saucepan Stirring constantly heat to boiling
Let boil for one minute
Pour over ribs

WHITE CAKE

1/2 cup flour
3 1/2 tsp baking powder
1/3 tsp salt
1/3 cup butter
1 cup white sugar
1egg
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup milk

Sift together flour baking powder salt . Mix in remaining ingredients
Add 1 tlbsp of cream for luck
When mixed put into square pan lined with wax paper
Bake at 350 for 40 minutes or until done
Ice with white icing when cool



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Give the gift of healthy living

Think of buying gifts that encourage physical activity

By Emily Stonehouse

DO YOU NEED some last-minute gift ideas? Why not get your loved one something they will actually use?

"When doing your Christmas gift lists this year, consider giving presents that make a healthy difference for those you care about," says Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with the local health unit. "When you give items that promote good health, there is no better way to tell people that you care about them and want them around for a very long time."

When one thinks of getting a gift to promote activity, the first idea is a piece of equipment. "Any kind of equipment is great for encouraging winter fun," says Shikaze. Skates, snowshoes, toboggans, helmets, goggles, skis, snowboards, even a water bottle holder, all promote fun and physical activity during the winter months.

Often, people don't get as much physically activity in the winter as they need because of safety or comfort concerns. This is a very common and real concern. People need to take precautions to ensure that slipping, falling, cold weather, and darkness are not going to put physical activity plans at risk. There are gifts that have the health and safety of your loved ones in mind: poles

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Gifts such as snowboards, skis, skates, snowshoes and toboggans promote fun and physical activity during the winter.

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Good warm socks make an excellent gift and make for toasty winter outings

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for walking, traction to put on your boots to keep from falling on slippery areas, headlamps or reflective bands to see in the dark, and warm clothing, such as mittens, hats, long under wear, and warm socks.

"Good socks are something people often don't think of spending money on but they make a really big difference in terms of warmth and comfort in the winter. Especially if someone is new to winter outdoor activity, they may need some different clothing to be comfortable," Shikaze says.

How about giving a gift that can not be wrapped in a box? Instead of buying each other gifts, work together and rent the arena or curling rink for a few hours. This creates good memories and fun events. A season pass to the ski hill or a gift certificate to rent snowshoes for a day are also great gift ideas.

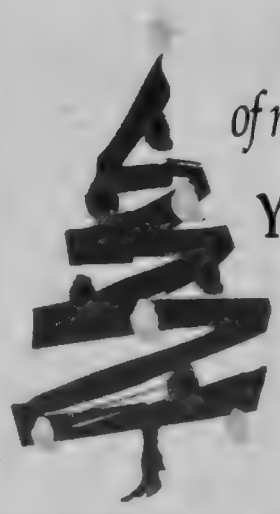
Sometimes the hardest part of being physically active in the winter is simply getting started. "Sometimes people don't feel very confident or they don't have the skills," says Shikaze. An easy solution is gift lessons. You can register the recipient in a class for curling, skiing, snowboarding or yoga. Since the person may be intimidated by doing a class by themselves, why not sign yourself up as well? You can be active together and enjoy spending time together and building skills. If you don't have the money to register for a class, but you have skills in a winter activity, why not give free lessons as gifts?

There are also tons of "How To" books on being active in the winter. For a stocking stuffer, you can buy a Haliburton Cycling Routes Map for $3. These are available from Undercover Books, the Trails and Tours office, the county information centre, Fleming College and the Rails End Gallery.

Physical activity in the wintertime is important but can sometimes be a little pricey. If you're low on cash, how about giving the gift of time? Offer to help build an outdoor rink (visit www.icedreams.ca and click on "How to build an outdoor rink." Hint: you don't need a frozen lake or swamp!) Or, you can offer to meet your friend for a weekly walk, or go snowshoeing, skiing, or snowboarding together. "It only costs your time, and helps with motivation for both of you," says Shikaze.

So, if you can't find that perfect something for someone, why not give them the gift that keeps on giving? Provide your loved one with opportunity to become physically active during the winter months, or even over the course of the year, and it will show them that you genuinely care.

Nothing is as fun as getting outdoors and trying out a new toboggan during the holidays.



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Be aware of Christmas pet hazards

By Emily Stonehouse

The holiday season is meant to be a joyous time, filled with good food, decorations, family, friends and gifts. But the holiday season can be one of the most deadly times for our four legged friends. There are so many different types of hazards that can seriously injure or even kill pets.

One of the simplest hazards is also the most common: the food we feed our pets. "Just use common sense when feeding your animal., says Haliburton veterinarian Dr. Joan Grant. "If it's not healthy for you to eat, chances are it's probably not healthy for your pet to eat either."

Chocolate is a heavenly treat for humans but can be deadly for animals. Chocolate contains a potentially fatal component, called xanthine. Xanthine causes nervous system damage and heart muscle stimulation. If an animal consumes chocolate, especially dark chocolate, it can experience everything from diarrhea to seizures and, in extreme cases, death.

A little turkey from the table never hurts a pet but make sure they don't get into the bones. Even the tiniest of bones can tear up your animal's intestinal tract. Be sure to also keep fatty foods, such as gravy, out of reach from your pets, as they can cause upset stomachs, or even pancreaitis.

Other potential dangers include macadamia nuts, as they contain an unknown toxin, which damages the nervous system, the digestive system, and the muscles in animals. Grapes and raisins also contain an unknown toxin, which can damage an animal's kidneys.

Alcohol can also be deadly. Every year, hundred of animals die from even the tiniest bit of alcohol. Many of our furry friends are attracted to the sweet tasting drinks, especially festive specials such as eggnog.

Another holiday hazard is festive plants. It is always nice to decorate the interior of our homes with colourful foliage to make up for the cold and dreary weather. But some holiday plants can be dangerous, and even fatal to your pet. Poinsettias contain a type of sap, which can cause blisters to form in your pet's mouth, and upset its stomach. Holly (the berries and leaves) can cause upset stomachs, and even death in both dogs and cats and, finally, mistletoe can cause upset stomachs, and even cause your pets heart to collapse.

Dogs and cats are curious creatures and often want to help out with the wrapping and decorating. Be careful to supervise this process, as glue and tape can be toxic for pets even though they are often attracted to them. Different types of holiday string or ribbon can become bunched in your pet's intestine, and if this occurs, then your pet needs surgery. If it does not get surgery, then your pet may die.

The favoured Christmas tree can also be a danger. On real trees, the pine needles can cause pain and irritation in a pet's mouth and stomach. On artificial trees, the wires and needles can cause lacerations in the mouth and intestinal tract. Both dogs and cats play with Christmas tree ornaments, and this can be dangerous. They can shatter, and can cut and splinter the animal. Extension cords can look like an appealing toy to cats and dogs but chewing on electrical cords can cause quite a shock and even lead to death by electrocution.

"Tinsel on trees is a no-no if you have any pets, especially cats," says Dr. Grant. It looks like a fun toy but tinsel will not break down in an animal's stomach; therefore, if an animal consumes it, it will require immediate surgery.

And finally, you should not give animals to people as a gift. With so much going on during the holiday season, these animals are often forgotten about or they may be unwanted once they grow older. They may look cute as babies but it is important to remember that they grow up. "It is not a good idea to give puppies and kittens as gifts," says Dr. Grant. These animals are not really want-

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"Behold, the Lamb of God."
John 1:29
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Linda and Kim Emmerson won't be able to put many decorations on this tree! Their cat is delighting in its first Christmas. Pet owners should be careful that cats can't get at tinsel, which won't break down in their stomachs.

Think about the outcome of your actions on your pets

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ed this time of year, and there is far too much other stuff going on." Having an animal is a big commitment in both time and money.

Simply taking a minute to think about the outcome of your actions can prevent a tragedy. Be careful what you feed your pets, and be sure to cover up and put away any food that is left out. Place decorative plants up high and out of reach of animals. Put fragile, attractive ornaments on top of the Christmas trees, and leave the lower branches for less dangerous decorations. Make sure you never leave your pet unattended with the Christmas tree. If you follow these simple and non-time-consuming steps, then you and your pet will experience a wonderful and joyous holiday season together.

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Joseph's Coat Salad

SALAD:
1 cup sliced carrots (cook a few minutes)
cauliflower flowerettes
chopped onion
diced green pepper
diced celery
1 small jar pimento, drained
1 can sliced water chestnuts, drained
1 small can mushrooms, drained

DRESSING:
2/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
2/3 cup vinegar
dash of pepper
1/3 cup salad oil
2 tablespoons flour
lemon juice

Directions:
Cook for five minutes and cool. Pour over vegetables and refrigerate. Will keep for many days.

Submitted by Sharon Petrisor at the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Amaretto Fruit Bread

Made in a 9 x 5 x 3 loaf pan

1 ? cup flour
1 egg
1 tbsp baking powder
? cup vegetable oil
? tsp. salt
1 cup milk
2/3 cup sugar

3 tbsp. amaretto
1 tsp. almond flavouring
? cup slivered almonds
? cup each candied cherries, pineapple, mixed peel

Mix dry ingredients in large bowl. Beat liquid ingredients and pour into centre of flour mixture. Add fruit and nuts, stir just until moist. Batter will be lumpy. Put into greased pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour 5 mins. to 1 ? hours or until knife inserted comes out clear, except for a bit of fruit on it.

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Christmas tree traditions and folklore

The tree, used as a symbol of life, is a tradition older than Christianity and not exclusive to any one religion. It's a part of our holiday customs that engages not only our senses of sight, touch, and smell, but also our sense of tradition, hope and good will.

Long before there was a Christmas, Egyptians brought green palm branches into their homes on the shortest day of the year in December as a symbol of life's triumph over death.

Romans adorned their homes with evergreens during Saturnalia, a winter festival in honor of Saturnus, their god of agriculture. Druid priests decorated oak trees with golden apples for their winter solstice festivities.

In the middle ages, the Paradise tree, an evergreen hung with red apples, was the symbol of the feast of Adam and Eve held on December 24th.

The first recorded reference to the Christmas tree dates back to the 16th Century.

In Strasbourg, Germany (now part of France), families both rich and poor decorated fir trees with colored paper, fruits and sweets. The retail Christmas tree lot also dates back that far - in those times, older women would sell trees harvested from nearby forests.

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A Foul Affair

By Joanne Sloan

You cannot find a fuse for the stove on Christmas Day. This sad truth was evident thirty years ago when the fuse blew after the goose was in the oven for two hours. We ate the partially cooked legs with a can of cold beans.

So ended a disaster that began two days before, when our newly married son brought his bride to visit us for the first time. Christmas was on Saturday and on Thursday I decided that we must have a goose to celebrate the homecoming of the happy couple. My wife May and her best friend Dora foraged our southern Ontario town to find our dinners. Geese, there were none - or they left before anyone caught them.

After some phone calls, we learned that a farmer with large white geese lived about 20 miles out in the country. Therefore, the next morning the two women again sallied forth to find our fare. The man brought two fine fat geese, with their heads sticking out of two burlap sacks tied loosely around the necks. As he placed them in the trunk of the car, the exasperated women asked the farmer to kill the fowl.

He briskly informed them that he was not a butcher. They would have to find someone else to perform the murder.

I might add that both ladies had by now consumed a fair portion of a bottle of whiskey. They thought live geese were a great joke and drove home as fast as they dared. These were the days before A. A. was introduced to our family.

In their absence, my oldest son and I dispatched a couple of bottles of wine so that we would be prepared to join in the

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Suddenly everyone became a goose lover

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festivities with Joe and Laura when they arrived for supper. We played country music quite loudly as we propped ourselves against the wall on the mattress which was still on the floor of the living room. We had just moved into the house that Al had just vacated because his girlfriend had moved on to fairer pastures. Another reason to celebrate.

The arrival of two hilariously hysterical women, who threw the live bags full of fearful fowl on the bed, rather disturbed the mood. The theatricals were enhanced when the bags gave way and the bewildered birds escaped to wander upstairs and downstairs and in Milady's chamber. We enjoyed the joke until the excited feathered creatures eluded capture.

Enter the groom. Laura, the bride, was not amused by the sight of her new in-laws, three sheets to the wind, roaring about the sparsely set up house trying to catch a pair of very lively Christmas dinners. With my sons' help, we wrapped the birds in blankets, and carried them out to the garage, where the execution would take place.

Suddenly, everyone became a goose lover. Nobody would take the axe and chop off a head. May berated Joe, because he was a military policeman trained to kill, and yet he refused to perform his civic duty to his mother and put to death two recalcitrant geese.

The unimpressed, unhappy couple retired. Finally, we contacted our daughter Sarah's husband, Tom, who being a mighty hunter, lost no time in taking control of the situation.

Al held the first goose, with neck stretched over a log in the garage. Tom lowered the guillotine - the head left the body. The violent kick that the goose gave Al's stomach caused him to let go and the decapitated goose fled the scene. Into the snow-covered parking lot it went, running in circles, squirting blood everywhere. The bird outdid any chicken with its head chopped off.

Finally, the monstrosity capsized. I quickly returned it to the garage and hung it by the feet from a beam on a rope. Everyone else was busy scuffing snow over the telltale blood in the parking lot. Al closed the overhead door and we repeated the exercise on the other goose without incident. By this time, some more bottles of booze boosted the hilarity and mirth, creating a very festive atmosphere in our happy circle.

Now the feathers! It was great fun to denude these troublesome fiends. They hung side by side as we plucked and we were about half done when Joe came back to inform us of his wife's disapproval of our behaviour. To do this, he had to open the garage door. Just as an airplane door will violently release the heated air from inside when opened while aloft, so, too, will an opened garage door vacuum the warm air of a room full of feathers on a cold day.

Within seconds, the parking lot, street and neighbour's yard were in a blizzard of white goose down. Joe shut the door but it was too late. He was laughing his guts out, grabbed the nearest bottle and downed a large swig of whiskey. He said, "I can't believe this! I join the army, you move as soon as I leave and don't tell me, I'm gone for a year and my whole family's gone nuts."

"Pretty wife you've got Joe. Will she be coming to Christmas dinner?" I said with a mischievous grin.

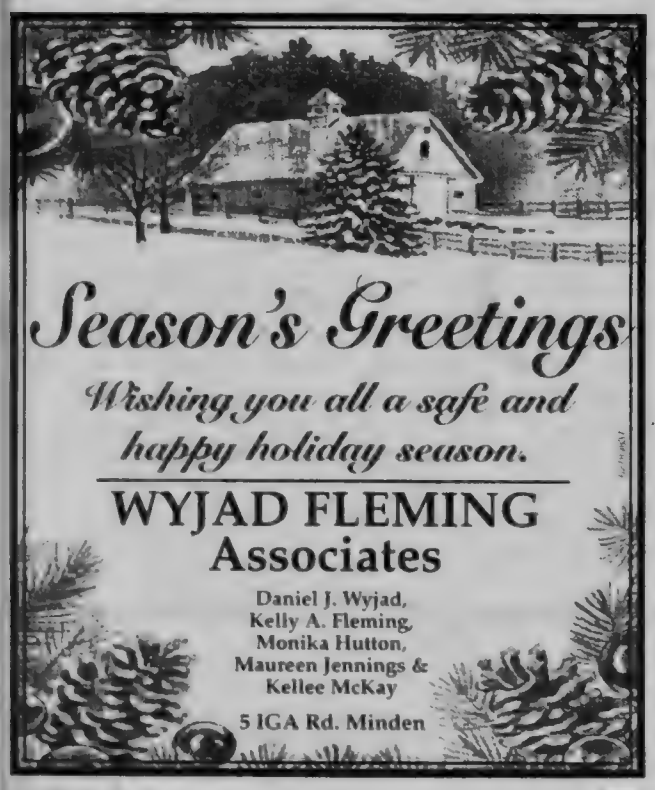
"Maybe in a couple of years, when she gets over this one."

Eventually, they all went home and Dora took her dead, defeathered goose with her.

Next morning, May and I prepared the ungainly goose for the oven. We figured about five hours for cooking time, had breakfast and went back to bed. When we investigated the progress of our dinner toward the divine state of preparedness for the table, the fuse blew.

As I said at the beginning, you cannot get a fuse for the stove on Christmas Day. There is a lesson in this diatribe somewhere but it was not written as a parable. Just a reminder – be prepared.

P.S. - Names have been changed to protect the guilty.



The Christmas Pudding

A story from Christmas past

Excerpt from George S. Thompson's Up to Date; *or,* The Life of a Lumberman.

"Writing about Christmas puts me in mind of the first Christmas day I spent with Steve and his family. A few days before Xmas Steve said we would have a Xmas plum pudding; he said he had not had one since he was married, Mrs. Steve not knowing how to make it. Steve said our mother always made large puddings at Xmas and the longer it was kept the better it tasted.

Steve went up to the store and purchased ten pounds each of currants and raisins, along with two pounds of lemon peel and other ingredients which the storekeeper told us were necessary in the make-up of a first class Xmas plum pudding. Steve and I brought the outfit home; he told his wife all he knew about making the pudding. He knew less than I did about it and I knew nothing whatever. Mrs. Steve promised to make the pudding.

Steve and myself had to go away the day before Xmas, but managed to return for our Xmas dinner. As we drove up to the house we were surprised to see a big fire burning along side of a pine stump and the big sugar sap kettle hanging over the fire; Mrs. Steve, with a stick, was stirring something in the kettle. Steve asked her why in thunder she was washing clothes on Xmas day; Mrs. Steve replied that she was not washing clothes – only boiling the Xmas pudding.

She went on to say that after she had mixed up all of the each ten pounds of currants and raisins and ten pounds of lemon peel, along with about ten pounds of suet and forty pounds or so of flour, she found that no pot would hold it, so she thought she would try the sap kettle.

Steve's countenance was a study while listening to the foregoing; I tried to keep a straight face, for I did not like to hurt Mrs. Steve's feelings, but to look at that pudding in the sap kettle and not laugh was more than my make-up could stand, but I managed by nearly biting my lips through to restrain myself. Mrs. Steve was such a dear little woman, and always so earnest in anything she did or said that I did not like to laugh. Steve for a while did not know whether to laugh or swear; finally we both roared out laughing.

That settled it; Mrs. Steve at once got angry and told us to take our pudding or whatever we chose to call it, she would have no more to do with it, or would she ever make us another; Steve said he did not think we would need another, for he said the one in the kettle looked large enough to do us the balance of our lives. Steve and I had considerable difficulty in navigating the pudding out of the kettle into the house. It was not bad eating; in fact we thought it good. It was a little hard on the digestive organs, but all rich plum puddings are like that.

One good feature of our pudding was that after partaking of it we would have to skip the next meal and take pills instead."

Excerpt from George S. Thompson's Up to Date; or, The Life of a Lumberman.

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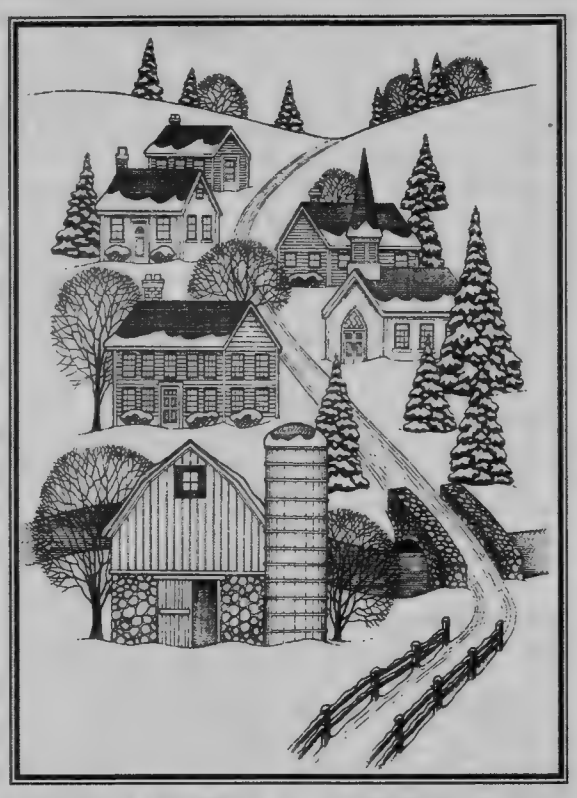

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Christmas on the Bay

By Michael Barnes

Life was hard for servants of the Hudson Bay Company at the lonely posts in the north country. Many of the European workers were Orkneymen, used to a tough existence in their homeland on the outer islands of Scotland.

The Cree Indian employees also knew about hard times but with a steady job, they felt quite well off, being able to buy supplies with their wages and still hunt and trap to supplement their diet.

Today in the north, the approach of the festive season is heralded in many ways. Radio and television announce commercial events for six weeks before the big day. There is a long build up to one of the festive events of the year.

More than 70 years ago at the settlements clustered around Hudson Bay Company fur trading posts, life in the days leading up to Christmas was the same as at any other time in the snow months.

With the absence of mass media, the reminder of December 25 was through the churches. There were not many of these and so the bible story read on the Sundays in Advent was the main contact with the celebration to come.

Places like Albany, Winisk, and Moose Factory had no other stores except the fur trading establishment so there was no influx of Christmas goods. The ship from the old country usually came once a year.

If there were items for children, they would have been more likely a doll, hoop or top to spin. Parents made their own gifts and each child received one only.

So it was that Christmas was celebrated with one day off work and an emphasis on food, a staple that had to be husbanded with care in such Longley parts of the Canadas.

In 1747 Christmas at Moose Factory was not a jolly event. The Factor or Manager John Potts kept strict control over his single employees. He kept them all day in religious exercises and read them tracts sent over from the old country. He lectured them on the sins of drunkenness but did hand out one drink. At 8 o'clock he ordered lights out and all hands to bed.

But as the years went by life became a little more pleasant on the Bay. The native people were made presents of food supplies and the Company servants had a much better festive fare

When salt beef was not available, enterprising cooks made do with young beaver stuffed like a suckling pig. Bread sauce was very popular except that bread was not always available at some posts

Our Victorian ancestors were not too big on salads. They were great meat eaters and considered a good Christmas meal as one which was a real blow-out.

Currants and raisins were hoarded for Christmas pudding. The thought of this old country treat was an enjoyable as its taste. These men had served far away from home for years. The sweet reminded them of their youth.

So the blacksmith, clerks, and other servants looked forward to the day off. They might play cards or a board game. There would be a big dinner and pudding while there was extra tobacco for their pipes.

There was little choice in the way of spirits. Some whisky might be kept for this special day but rum was the standard fare. The Company stocked thick cane liquor from the West Indies and a man could quickly sink into oblivion as he thought about family at home.

The last link with home would have been the annual package of letters that came from home on the summer ship. They were read and reread until the sheets literally fell apart. No wonder Christmas was often a sad time for those in the fur trade.

Things were better when there was competition. The Company gave out more supplies if there was another trading company in the area, for it had to look good in the eyes of customers. Once the railway reached Moosonee in 1932, life at the festive season was much changed. Toys, food and liquor could be ordered up from the south and Christmas became a much more self-indulgent time. Why, people often had an orange each for their children.

Haliburton resident Michael Barnes is a recipient of the Order of Canada in recognition of the many books he was written about Northern Ontario and Canada

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The Perfect Gift

By Robert Smith

It was the stained glass hands in the window that first caught Lee's attention. SPORTS INJURY CLINIC, the sign over the hands said. Below, in smaller letters were the words OUR HANDS + YOUR PAIN = RELIEF. The fingers of the hands were together, with the thumbs stuck out sideways, tips of the index fingers and thumbs touching. When Lee had first seen them on the way to her grade five class at Dr. McPherson Public School, she had held her own hands out in front of her like that, and could picture them on someone's back.

But it was the glass itself that truly grabbed her attention. It was pale blue, with lines of darker blues running through it. *Sort of like gas in a puddle,* Lee thought, *except the streaks are only one colour.*

Before the hands had appeared, she hadn't paid much attention to the new business, sandwiched between a pawnshop and a place selling used appliances. She hadn't really taken notice, even though it was rather different than the other somewhat seedy businesses she passed daily. She even knew what the inside of the place was like, or at least, what it used to be like before her dentist moved. She hadn't paid much attention when that had happened, knowing her mother would make her go to the new place, wherever it was, when she got the call saying Lee's six-month check-up was due. "Teeth and feet," she would say. "We might be poor, but we have to take care of your teeth and feet, not like Gramma did with me."

Lee knew her mother was embarrassed by her stained teeth and all the gaps. *That's why she seldom smiles,* Lee told herself. *She doesn't want other people to see.*

She also realized her mother often was limping by the time she walked the five blocks home from her job at the ABC Dollar Store where no one was allowed to sit. She would sigh loudly as she collapsed into the recliner. "Give me ten minutes," she would say.

When Lee had gotten old enough, she had started having supper ready so her mother wouldn't need to get on her feet again. At first, that had simply been canned soup, but since then, she had graduated to grilled cheese sandwiches and then to spaghetti and tuna casserole. "What did I do to deserve this?" her mother would gratefully say. Lee liked the praise. Her mother was usually too busy or too tired to say things like that.

The other thing Lee sometimes did was rub her mother's feet. That's when she really saw the results of poor shoes when her mother had been growing up – twisted toes, corns that blistered where they rubbed, knotted muscles in the arch.

She immediately noticed when a stained glass foot joined the hands in the window, letters on it spelling out 'Foot Rubs'. As she looked, she wondered if her mother might enjoy one, though she had noticed her mother didn't like other people touching her– except Lee of course. Not even Gramma. But Lee had been trying to think of the perfect Christmas gift. She mentally added up the money in the box she kept in her underwear drawer. She had taken the training course for babysitters, even though she was a bit young, but few people seemed willing to trust an eleven year-old, so jobs had been sparse. Now Christmas was only a month away, and Lee's hopes about buying the perfect present were sinking.

Only one way to find out, she said to herself as she opened the door. A man with two crutches under one arm was standing by the counter, writing a cheque. A woman wearing a flowered uniform top was behind it, looking at an appointment book and saying, "I think only twice a week from now on. Tuesday at 4:00?"

Lee waited politely, then opened the door for the man on crutches. She knew he would have difficulty by himself. When she turned around again, the woman said, "That was thoughtful of you. Now, how can I help?"

"How much is a foot rub?" asked Lee. "It's for my mother for Christmas. Her feet get sore after she stands on them all day at work."

"That's a common complaint," said the woman sympathetically. "A Foot Rub is $25."

Lee's heart sank. She knew there wasn't that much money in the box. Her expression must have revealed those thoughts, because the woman went on, "What about your father? Wouldn't he help you?"

Lee just shook her head. Once, when she had realized the other kids at school had fathers, grandfathers, and uncles, she had said to her mother, "I guess men don't run in our family."

Her mother had answered, "Actually they do. That's the problem. They run."

Lee had been confused, but her mother had said it in what Lee thought of as the 'Oh No' tone, so she hadn't said anything. That was the tone her mother used when she said 'Oh no, more laundry', or 'Oh no, another phone bill' or some other 'Oh no'.

To the woman, Lee continued, "Sometimes I rub her feet myself, but I never feel like I'm doing it right. She says it's fine, but sometimes she wants more pressure one place and then says I shouldn't even touch another part."

"Tell you what," said the woman. "I'll give you lessons. How much money do you have?"

"$13.50," Lee answered. That's what her mental counting had told her.

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Seeing this stained glass sign in a shop window inspired the perfect gift for a mother in need of a good foot rub.

Lee gave a brightly wrapped roll to her mother

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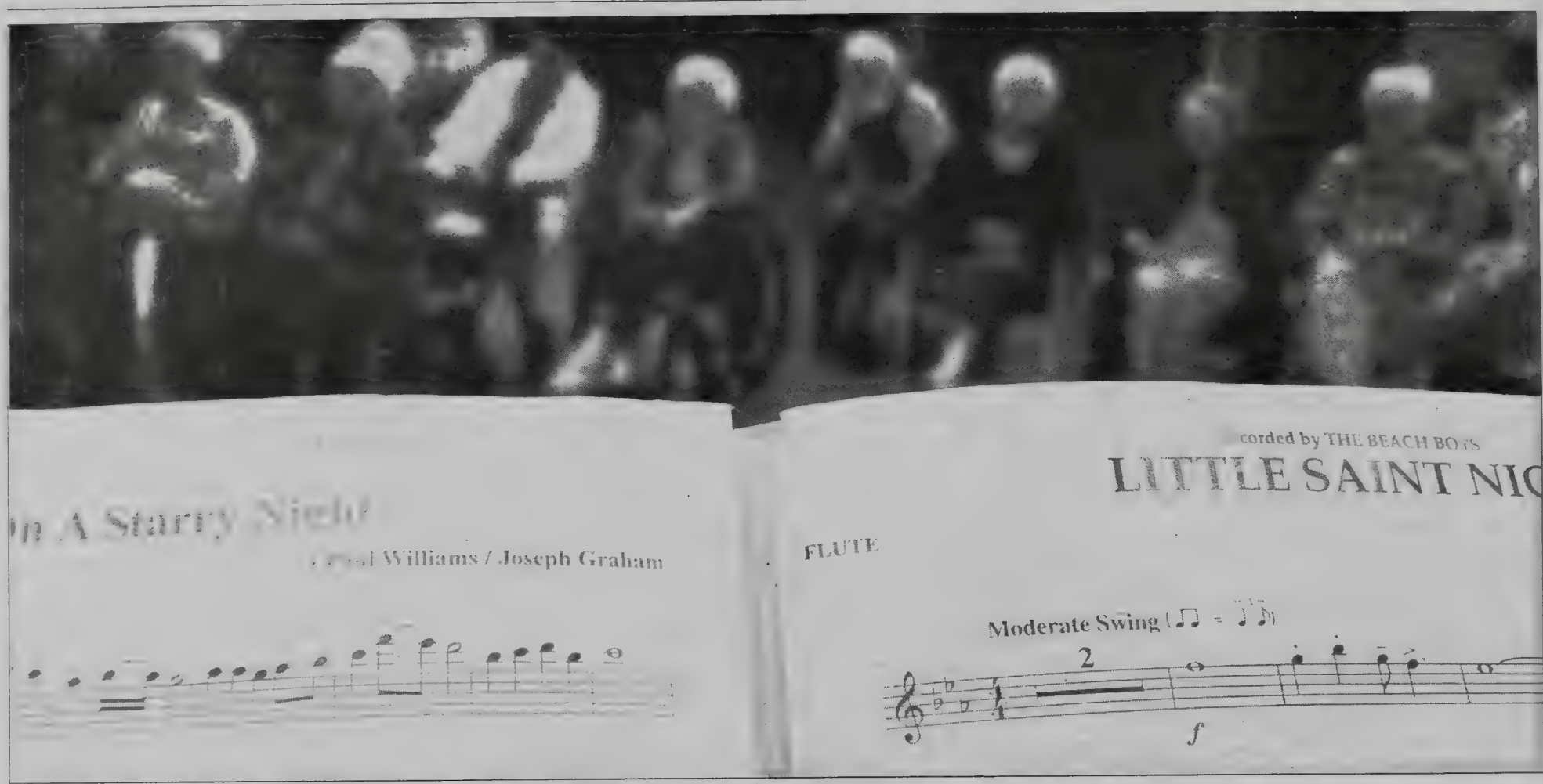
"Fine," said the woman with a knowing smile. "That will do for two lessons, which happens to be exactly how many you'll need. It'll even cover a small tube of peppermint cream."

On Christmas morning, Lee gave a brightly wrapped roll to her mother. It actually was the cardboard centre from the wax paper she had finished the previous week. When she had started to put it in the recycling bin, she thought of this use. On the computer at school, she had printed a page of twelve coupons that said ONE FREE FOOTRUB, then rolled it up to go inside. There even was room for the small tube of cream.

"What's this?" her mother said when Lee gave it to her.

"There's two things inside," Lee said, worried that her mother would assume the cream was all there was when it slid easily out.

Silently, her mother looked at the tube of cream when she ripped off the wrapping, then fished out the paper. She didn't say anything, but her eyes got moist and a tear trickled down her cheek. At first Lee was worried because her mother never cried, but then she hugged Lee so hard her ribs hurt. "Perfect," she finally said.



The Sound of Music

By Marci Mandel

This the season for merriment and song, so I just put together a Christmas playlist. Boy, was I ever amazed at the variety of music available, and I wasn't quite sure how to order it all. I had everything from Dean Martin singing *Baby, It's Cold Outside* to Jessye Norman singing *O Holy Night* to Sarah McLachlan singing *Christmas Time is Here*. Perhaps that's the best part of having such good music, no matter what the style, push the shuffle button and it all goes together so beautifully.

I first remember singing Christmas carols in public school. Every morning, the whole school would congregate in the gym and rejoice in sound. Even though I am Jewish, I still have fond memories of those times. *Silent Night, Oh Christmas Tree, Hark The Herald Angels Sing* are just such beautiful songs that speak to the soul no matter what culture you were raised in. And then there was *Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer* and the pure joy of singing out unrestrained.

The song we have the most fun with these days is *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. My husband and I live on a boat-access lake and in the shoulder seasons we have to walk in – sometimes trudge through the deep snow with our backpacks full of presents – to get

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home. One of the ways we amuse ourselves, and make the time go faster, is trying to remember the twelve gifts. Thanks to the internet, we can look them up when we get back:

Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree!

I play the flute in the Highlands Concert Band and we'll be taking the gift of music to the three seniors' homes again. We're quite an assortment of players, from folks who were curious about music and wanted to take it up in their retirement, to those who hadn't played since high school and were excited to find a place to play again, to a few who could be professionals. We'll play songs like *Carol of the Bells, Little Saint Nick, All On A Starry Night*, and *While Shepherds Watched* – the last two of which were wonderfully arranged by talented band members.

If I had to pick my favourite song, which I'm glad I don't, but we always have fun talking about it, I think it would be a toss up between Bing Crosby's *White Christmas* and Tom Jackson's deep, resonating Pa rumpa pa pums in *A Little Drummer Boy*. Bing's smiling voice melts away any tension and links me to my youth and innocence. Tom's caressing bass, however, takes me down so deep I feel like I've melded with all eternity.

I think Jesus, and all the great teachers throughout time, would have liked this song. It's about a boy who knew the greatest gift he had to offer was to play his drum and connect his Lord, and all around him, to the heartbeat of all life. Wouldn't that be wonderful, to receive a gift like that, a gift that connected us to the heartbeat of all life?

Wow, that would be the best. Until then, we have this wonderful song to fill our hearts.

Little Drummer Boy
- words and music by Katherine K. Davis, Henry Onorati, and Harry Simeone

Come they told me
Pa rum pum pum pum
A new born King to see,
Pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring
Pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the King
Pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum
So to honor Him
Pa rum pum pum pum,
When we come.
Little Baby
Pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too,
Pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring
Pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give our King
Pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum
Shall I play for you!
Pa rum pum pum
On my drum.

Mary nodded
Pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time
Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him
Pa rum pum pum
I played my best for Him
Pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum
Then He smiled at me
Pa rum pum pum pum
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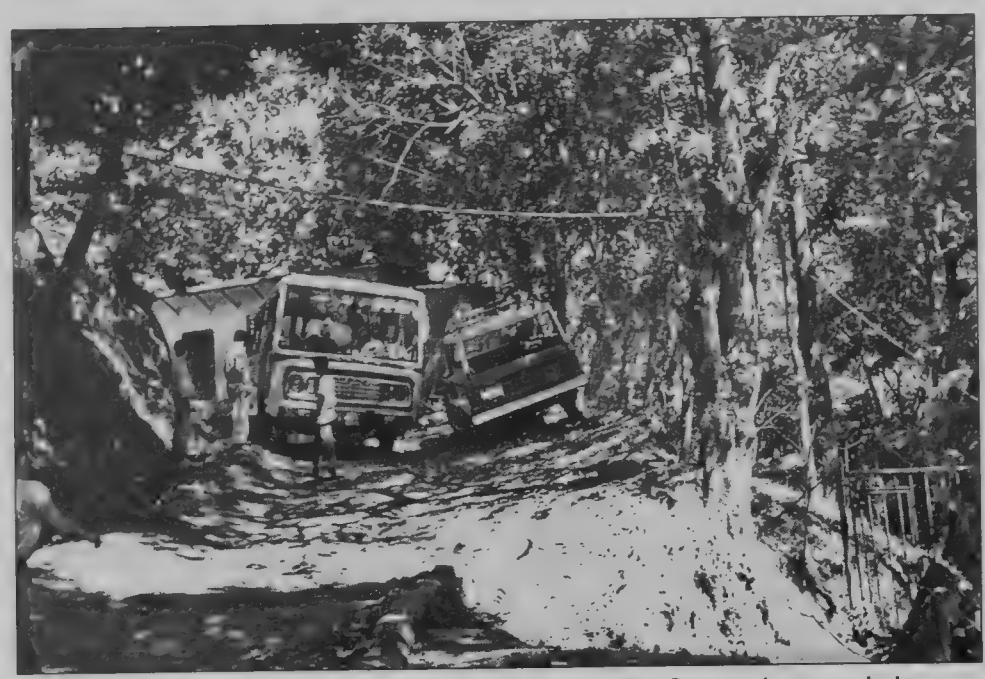
Christmas 1992

By Pat Brown



A normal, ordinary Christmas seemed fanciful as the Browns bounced down a pot-holed dirt road through a Columbian jungle on Christmas, 1992.

"Do you think we might go someplace ordinary next year?

I heard a wistful note in Tom's question. It was almost midnight on Christmas night; we were on a pot-holed dirt road running through the jungles of Colombia and we had been travelling for far too many hours without sleep. We were on an ancient bus that threatened to break down at every pot hole; the air was muggy and the heat oppressive; the people in the bus were starting to smell and I suspected that I might very well be among them. I was hot, tired, cranky and feeling less and less disposed to foreign travel.

That year, 1992, we had decided to have a less ordinary Christmas. We had celebrated the season with family and friends throughout the week; in fact we had put away three complete Christmas dinners. But Christmas morning, in the chill of pre-dawn darkness, we had followed the stars to the airport and boarded a plane bound for Colombia. Since then, we had trudged through three airports and boarded two buses —the ambience had deteriorated with each change.

This latest bus should have been retired a generation ago. When I realized that we had stopped, for the fourth or fifth time, I didn't know whether it was just catching its elderly breath or if the latest pot hole had finally swallowed us up. Glancing out the dirty window, I saw men with guns and surly faces swaggering along the road beside us. One of them was questioning the driver who seemed to shrink in his seat as the questions continued. Another man in uniform walked down the aisle of the bus staring at passengers who were too tired to be properly intimidated. Finally, the bus was allowed to con-

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'How about Florida next year?'

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tinue and we all settled back into a watchful doze.

Not being able to doze, watchfully or otherwise, I applied myself to Tom's question. This was our third trip to South America: we had travelled to the jungles of Venezuela and Colombia; we had driven in Land Rovers up to their hubcaps in water; we had travelled the Orinoco River in wide dug out canoes — I had even swum in its tea-coloured water. We had grasped each others hands and I, at least, had silently said the Gayatri Mantra, with a few Hail Marys thrown in, while we swooped and careened in a tiny bush plane as it flew into a hugely magnificent canyon. We gazed at the splendour of Angel Falls through billowing mists and shreds of cloud. The turbulence lifted us and then gently allowed us to settle long enough to gaze at one of the world's greatest natural wonders. We were not the most intrepid of travellers but by God we had seen a few things and had some exciting moments — some of them more enjoyable in retrospect. So when I heard Tom say that maybe an "ordinary" holiday would be worth considering, I gave the idea full attention.

"Like where?" I said cautiously.

"How about Florida?" Tom answered without a pause.

I stared at him. "Florida? That's for old fogeys in Bermuda shorts and white socks. The couples who drive down the I-75 every winter with two baseball caps on the back window — one saying "The Old Fart" and the other "The Old Fart's Wife".

Tom looked at me, without blinking, without smiling, "We wouldn't have to get the hats."

After a moment of silence, my hand found his. "Merry Christmas, Tom."

"Merry Christmas Pat."

Even Santa's sleigh would be have trouble on some of the roads the Browns travelled in Columbia.

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The Tornado Tree

By Arlene Johnston

A few weeks after the August 2, 2006 tornadoes whipped through the Haliburton Highlands, my partner, Jule, returned from his daily walk smiling from ear to ear.

"You will be happy to know I have found this year's Christmas tree," he announced proudly.

With all the devastation the tornadoes had created, I concluded this was hardly the time to be thinking about Christmas - that and the calendar showing August 24.

"I know what you're thinking," he said, searching for the truck keys. "It's a little early but this tree is perfect and we have to move quickly before someone else discovers it. Follow me."

We drove about half a kilometre, then he pulled off to the side. I followed him into some woods on the opposite side of the road. As with most wooded areas, it was not difficult tracing the tornado's path that left many of the forest trees twisted, uprooted, snapped in half or toppled. What remained was a support system of trees left undisturbed.

"All of the trees in this patch of forest are deciduous. Is this one of your silly jokes?" I asked, turning to face him. "You know how this upsets me to see all these beautiful trees totally destroyed."

"Look up," he said, pointing toward a clump of maples that had withstood nature's fury.

I followed the direction of his outstretched arm and there, lodged between two tall, sturdy maples was an upside down evergreen suspended between them like an overthrown dart that nature had pitched wildly during the storm.

"There's this year's Christmas tree. Next good wind and it'll be ready for the pick-up," he said as it teetered back and forth in the warm summer breeze. "If not, I've got our Chevy 4X4 and some very strong rope. It blends in nicely with the maples but we'll have to keep an eye on it. We wouldn't want anyone else scooping it."

"No, we wouldn't want that," I replied, wondering if he's finally gone over the edge.

True to his word, Jule kept a watchful eye on the hanging pine and almost to the second of its descent back to earth, we were loading it in the truck. Thankfully, nature had completed the task eliminating his rope trick.

"Don't you think it's a little large?" I said as we struggled to get it into the back of the truck. There was almost as much hanging out as there was inside.

"That's the beauty of a large tree. We can cut it down to the size we want."

Back at the house, we carried the 16-footer with its jagged base to a spot down near the lake. Unfortunately, the top four feet must have buckled when it hit the ground.

"That is the best part of the tree," I

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AWAY IN A MANGER

May the true spirit of Christmas be yours, just as in the manger on that Holy Night when the Star first shone above.

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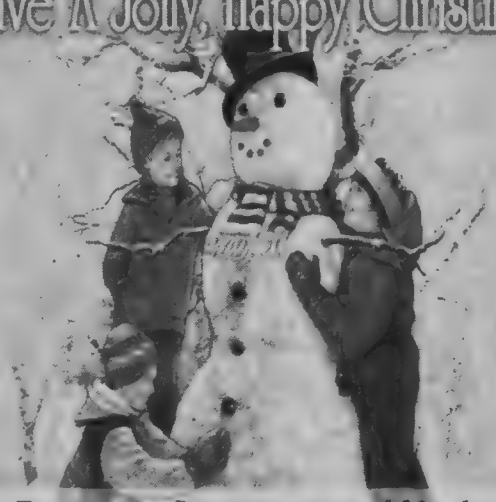

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Tornado makes best Christmas tree

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said as Jule pulled it off and threw it into the woods.

"There is still lots left to make it our best Christmas tree yet," he said, leaning it against a large birch tree.

With Christmas only a few weeks away, it was time to prepare the tree. Jule sawed off the jagged tree trunk, a reminder of how unkind nature had been to it.

"These bottom branches have to come off," he said, reaching for the handsaw. It was still too large for the bucket of sand. He sawed the next set of branches off. And then the next. What was left was not a pleasant sight, especially with the top missing.

"I had no choice," he said, finally getting the tree to stand up straight in the white bucket.

All that remained was a topless six foot spindly pole with sparse branches that pointed skyward.

"This isn't a Christmas tree. This is a bad joke," I said, circling it trying to find a good side. "It has no top. It's half naked and all the branches point up."

"That's the bonus. Now you won't miss the top because you can't see it anyway," he chuckled.

I am not laughing. This tree is an embarrassment and should be tossed over the deck."

"A few days inside and the branches will drop. Add some decorations and you won't even notice," he said before transporting it into the house.

The branches never did drop. I tried weighing them down with lights, decorations and gifts, but they wouldn't budge. They remained upright in what seemed like a constant state of shock, its branches reaching up toward the great room ceiling. Tree compliments were few and probably said out of courtesy, if friends and relatives happened to say anything at all. There really was nothing nice to say about this pathetic version of a Christmas tree.

"Hey Mom, where did you get the tree?" my son quizzed when he arrived on Christmas Eve.

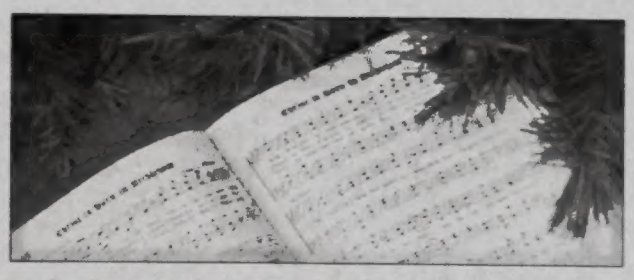
"This isn't just any tree," Jule interjected. "This is a bonafide 2006 tornado tree. We have absolutely no idea where it came from. It could be from anywhere, and I mean anywhere, in the Haliburton Highlands, making it the most unique Christmas tree in the county. This tree was picked up by one of three tornadoes that passed through on August 2 and deposited upside down between some untouched well-rooted maples. There it remained tangled in the branches of the trees until Mom and I rescued it."

"So it was delivered by air mail," Daryl chuckled. "But it's about the branches. It's like they're reaching up for something."

"How would you react to a tornado heading straight for you? By raising its branches, the tree was trying to shield itself from the gale force winds that snapped it up, transporting it on a wild journey to the final resting point in some foreign woods," Jule said, with tongue in cheek.

"So folks, this isn't just any tornado tree, it's a Christmas miracle."

Traditional Christmas song lyrics



GOOD KING WENCESLAS

Good King Wenceslas looked out, On the feast of Stephen, When the snow lay round about, Deep and crisp and even. Brightly shone the moon that night, Though the frost was cruel, When a poor man came in sight, Gathering winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me, If thou knows't it telling, Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?" "Sire, he lives a good league hence, Underneath the mountain, Right against the forest fence, By Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, Bring me pine logs hither: Thou and I shall see him dine, When we bear them thither." Page and monarch, forth they went, Forth they went together; Through the rude wind's wild lament. And the bitter weather.

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger no crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky, looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas Day; To save us all from Satan's power, When we were gone-a-stray. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Jewry, This blessed Babe was born, And laid within a manger, Up on this blessed morn; The which his mother Mary, Did nothing take in scorn. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, A blessed angel came; And unto certain shepherds, Brought tidings of the same: How that in Bethlehem was born, The Son of God by Name. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings Rejoiced much in mind, And left their flocks a feeding, In tempest, storm and wind: And went to Bethlehem straight-way, The Son of God to find. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

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Traditional Christmas Song Lyrics

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WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: This, this is Christ the King, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: This, this is Christ the King, The Babe, the Son of May.

So bring Him incense, gold, and mryyh, come, peasant, king to own Him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: This, this is Christ the King, The Babe, the son of Mary.

JINGLE BELLS

Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh, O'er the fields we go, Laughing all the way;

Bells on Bob tail ring, Making spirits bright, What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!

Jingle, bells! jingle, bells! jingle all the way! Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh! In a one-horse open sleigh!

A day or two ago I thought I'd take ride, And soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by side;

The horse was lean and lank, Misfortune seemed his lot, He got into a drifted bank, and we, we got upsot.

Jingle, bells! jingle, bells! jingle all the way! Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh! In a one-horse open sleigh!

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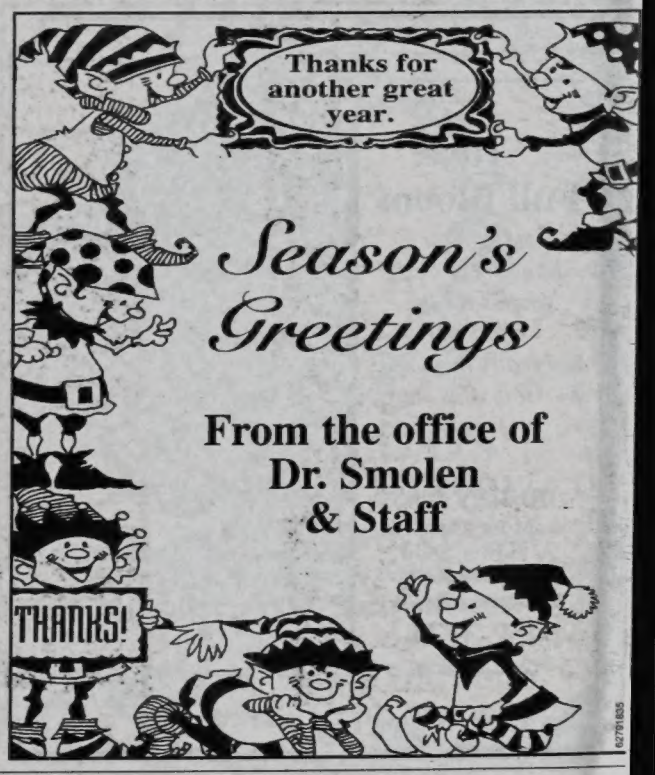

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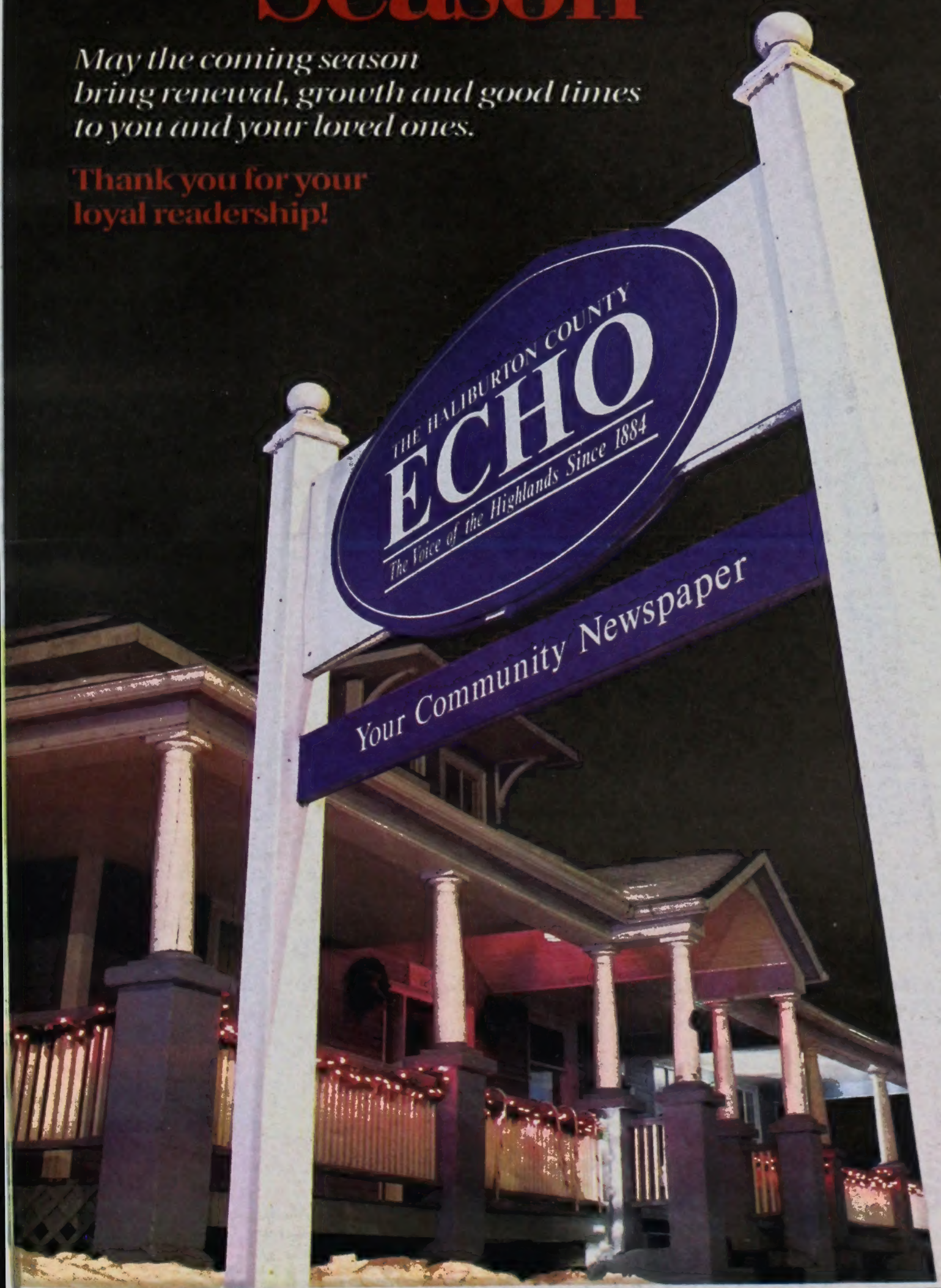

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